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IRAKLIS: 'WE'LL COME AS CUP WINNERS

Iraklis will come to Australia next week as the winner of the Greek Cup. So says Iraklis's assistant coach, Telis Batakis.

I spoke with Batakis, club president Petros Theodoridis and captain Vassili Hatzipanagis after Iraklis had beaten PAOK 4-1 in the second leg of the Greek Cup quarter finals.

The first leg had finished in a scoreless draw.

If Iraklis now wins its semi-final, it will advance to the final, which has been brought forward to June 6. The team flies to Australia on June 7, and will play its first game against a Darwin select on June 8.

Here's what Hatzipanagis, Batakis and Theodoridis had to say when I rang them:

VASILIS HATZIPANAGIS: "I'm very pleased that I've got this opportunity to be among the Greek soccer lovers of Australia. After a very difficult season, in which Iraklis has had a lot of success, I think that my team mates and I will give the soccer followers a series of good matches, proving that today's Iraklis is one of the best teams in Greek soccer."

"Through 'Soccer Action' I'm sending my best regards to all soccer fans, and I look forward to meeting many of them."

TELIS BATAKIS (assistant coach): "Coach Friedl Rausch and I accepted the Australian invitation without thinking twice. It will be a long, hard trip, but it will be very good experience for our team."

"Also, for me, the trip is another opportunity to get closer to the many Greek people overseas. I spent a long time in Canada, and I know how the

Greek people look forward to seeing a Greek team, and how well they will look after us."

"We promise we'll do everything possible to be good representatives of Greek soccer, and that we'll give everything we've got out on the field."

PETROS THEODORIDIS (president): "It is with great pleasure that we accepted the Australian Soccer Federation's invitation to play matches in Australia. The trip gives us the opportunity to be among thousands of our countrymen who have migrated to Australia, and I'm sure that with our performances on the field, we will make these people feel very proud indeed."

"My colleagues on the committee and I, plus all our coaching staff and players, send best regards to all soccer followers in Australia, and we look forward to seeing them."



Iraklis captain Vassili Hatzipanagis (right) in action against Ethnikos. Iraklis won 2-1.

By
ELIAS DONOUDIS

World Series matches

Wednesday, 30 May: Australia A v Nottingham Forest at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

Thursday, 31 May: Australia B v Glasgow Rangers at Lang Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.

Saturday, 2 June: Australia A v Glasgow Rangers at Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Sunday, 3 June: Manchester United v Nottingham Forest at MCG, 3 pm.

Tuesday, 5 June: Australia B v Glasgow Rangers, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

Wednesday, 6 June: Juventus v Manchester United, Sydney Cricket Ground, 8 pm.

Thursday, 7 June: Australia A v Nottingham Forest, Lang Park, Brisbane, 8 pm; Australia B v Glasgow Rangers, Newcastle, 8 pm, Speers Point Stadium.

Sunday, 10 June: Australia A v Juventus, MCG, 3 pm.

Monday, 11 June: Select XI v Iraklis, Canberra, 3 pm; Australia B v Nottingham Forest, Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Tuesday, 12 June: Australia A v Juventus, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

Wednesday, 13 June: Australia B v Iraklis, Lang Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.

Saturday, 16 June: Australia A v Juventus, Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Sunday, 17 June: Australia B v Iraklis, MCG, 3 pm.

Wednesday, 20 June: Australia A v Iraklis, Sydney Cricket Ground, 8 pm.

Friday, 22 June: Australia A v Iraklis, Hindmarsh Stadium, 8 pm.

Watcliffcrifbarbartmarkopoulos — the ideal Australian player

By **ANDREW DETTRE**

We almost have the ideal player . . . we don't quite have a Zico, Platini, Socrates or Keegan in our NSL — but we could have one.

All you'd need is to create a new star through the wondrous tricks of genetic engineering.

If such a feat were possible, I know the type of player I'd like to produce.

He would have, to start with, the soccer brains of Joe Watson — all the guile, cunning and decision-making process of this little Scottish wizard.

I'd add to that the competitiveness of a David Ratcliffe, a born fighter, a man driven to despair by the mere thought of defeat.

Ratcliffe displays the same ruthless edge at training as he does at matches; soccer for him is not a matter of life and death but something more vital.

Then you need sheer skill — that intuitive, graceful component that's inherited, not manufactured.

For that I'd go to Oscar Crino, one of the most skillful young talents this country has produced in ages.

Crino has that rare quality in soccer — applied skill. He can use all his ball skills in tight match situations.

But you'd need speed, too, especially starting speed — that explosive off the mark zoom young Frank Farina has.

Several times this year I was amazed to see Farina literally explode — fly past opponents, gaining five metres in the first ten.

However, even speed isn't everything — so you need close ball control.

And my choice for that would be Mark Barton of St George, with his peculiar "rubber" legs.

I have never seen another player stoke the ball with the same guile, stabbing movements as Barton; within one movement he can pull a ball back and then hit it towards goal, almost without swinging his leg.

For shots at goal, I'd take his team-mate, Dez Marton. He's probably the best hitter of the ball since the glory days of Leo Baumgartner.

For goals I'd take John Kosmina, undoubtedly the most dangerous predator within a 12-metre radius of goal, on the ground or in the air.

Years ago, we had some excellent exponents of that art, in Tristram, Denton, Giacometti and others.

But Kosmina is stronger and more aggressive than any of them and has that vital ingredient — cheek — without which strikers cannot survive any longer.

Now, you'd have the almost perfect player. Except for one more quality — the right temperament.

You'd need a leader who can compete without losing his head, a fighter who can't be lured into brawling.

For that I'd go for Peter Raskopoulos who is capable of spreading calm confidence about him on the pitch.

A player like this would be worth a cool million or so. Pity he can't be created in a test tube. Yet . . .

Gentile, Soper to do battle

By **ANDREW DETTRE**

I'm already tingling with excitement: Gentile is coming to town.

It's the same Gentile I saw in battle action in the 1982 World Cup final.

Who would be his direct opposite number in the Australian team?

The chances are it'll be Australia's tough guy, Marshall Soper or John Kosmina. And Gentile won't have it all his way with either.

In the summer of 1982 — gosh, how time goes, almost two years ago — I saw, in Barcelona, how Gentile, this tough Italian defender, kicked and tripped Maradona and then Zico out of the game, vastly reducing the effectiveness of Argentina and Brazil against the Italians.

He held Maradona by the arm, stood on his feet at corners, gave him the most blatant shoves from behind — most of the time with impunity.

Against Zico he was equally ungentle; at one stage he simply tore off Zico's shirt.

Gentile is undoubtedly one of the toughest customers ever to come to Australia — infinitely tougher and incomparably rougher than Nobby Stiles of Manchester United was.

As Juventus plays with a sweeper — Scirea — Gentile is likely to mark one of the Australian strikers probably Soper.

That means fireworks to light up the sky from Sydney to Darwin!

But let me add a piece of warning here: Gentile can also play football.

I am sure he's a great deal better player than we assume — but nobody notices it. It's as an assassin that he has won infamy.

Still, chances are that there will be a number of free kicks given against Juventus, courtesy of Gentile, 16 to 30 metres from goal.

It's up to the Australian team to make something of these opportunities.

Italy's boost Adelaide City

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CRINO OUT, BIG GUNS FLY IN

By **LAURIE SCHWAB**

Big guns Davie Cooper, John McClelland, Norman Whiteside and Gary Bailey have flown in to help Rangers and Manchester United break down the tough Socceroos.

All four were held up in the U.K. for the home international series.

Oscar Crino, meanwhile, dropped a bombshell by withdrawing from the Australian B squad just before it left Melbourne for Brisbane on Monday morning.

Crino explained apologetically that he was unable to get any more time off work.

Crino's absence will give Richard Miranda further opportunities to establish himself as a Socceroo.

The draws with United and Rangers at the weekend, mean that Australia has been beaten by European opposition only once in the past six games dating back to its 3-3 draw with Dinamo Zagreb in Canberra in 1981. That loss was to England in Brisbane last year.

Nottingham Forest started its Australian tour with an impressive 4-1 victory over Western Australia in Perth on Sunday, and will prove a tougher opponent than Manchester United when it meets Australia A in Adelaide tonight (Wednesday).

Although Cooper and McLelland will be available for the Rangers team against Australia B in Brisbane tomorrow (Thursday), coach Jock Wallace said he would save them for the third match, against Australia A in Sydney on Saturday.

Manchester United coach Ron Atkinson is almost certain to use Whiteside and Bailey, as well as Remi Moses and Peter Barnes, against Nottingham Forest at the MCG on Sunday.

In fact, he said that these players been available for last Saturday's game, United would have fared a lot better against the Socceroos.

Moses and Barnes — one of three guest players with the United squad — were unable to play due to injuries.

The Socceroos took their place in the international series when the National League last week changed its mind about withholding its players from the national squads.

The ban was placed on the players in sup-

port of the NSL's claim for a \$240,000 sponsorship payment from West Nally Ltd, through Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd, the company that is promoting the international series.

NSL officials said after lifting the ban that they now had the support of the ASF executive and were confident of getting the money.

If the money is not paid, further action is certain to be taken after the series.

Australia B upstaged the A team on the first weekend, due to its greater willingness to attack.

Jim Patikas and Charlie Egan were the most penetrating of the attacking players in the B squad, and Patikas came close to scoring. Australia, however, needed all the talent Tony Franken could muster in goal to prevent Rangers from hitting the target.

Peter Lewis, the Melbourne Croatia right back, had an impressive Socceroo debut, left back John O'Shea — who cleared one off the line — was Eddie Thomson's choice as man of the match, and stopper Steve Blair had a memorable return to international duty after a year's absence.

Thomson instructs all his big men to get into the penalty area for corners and free kicks — and that's where Blair and Tony Henderson are extremely dangerous.

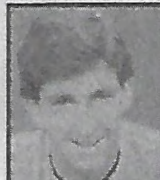
Alan Davidson was the star of the Australia A team against Manchester United — displaying tremendous confidence and skill — certainly the best soccer player on display over the first two matches, while Franken was totally faultless in goal for Australia B.

Other good performances came from Joe Watson, David Ratcliffe, Graham Jennings, Tony Henderson, Charlie Yankos of Australia; Mark Hughes and Paul McGrath of United; and Dave McPherson, Bobby Williamson and Craig Paterson of Rangers.

Juventus, the team everyone is waiting for, arrives early next week and will play its first match against Manchester United at the Sydney Cricket Ground next Wednesday.

Iraklis of Greece kicks off its Australian tour with a match against a Darwin select side in Darwin on Sunday night, June 10. Other visitors to Darwin in the past 10 years have been Atromitos in 1976 and Chelsea in 1974.

Vassili Hatzipanagis of Iraklis, and Zolgniew Boniek, Paulo Rossi, Marco Tardelli, Gaetano Scirea and Claudio Gentile of Juventus are the men most soccer fans are waiting to see.



Norman Whiteside



Oscar Crino



Davie Cooper

Punctured lung, broken arm, but Skeen battles back

By
PAUL JAMES

When David Skeen was sent tumbling from his motor-bike in an accident a month ago, St George Budapest's fortunes also took a fall.

After his accident the Saints were hit by a string of poor results, illustrating just how much the champions rely on this nugget little defender.

Skeen suffered a badly broken left arm, a couple of cracked ribs and a punctured lung in the accident, while the Saints suffered some disastrous results that saw them drop into the lower half of the Australian Conference table.

The accident could not have come at a worse time for Skeen, on the verge of fulfilling his dreams of representing Australia.

"I suppose you could say I was a candidate for the national team, but I wouldn't say I was a certainty," Skeen said modestly.

But those who know national coach Frank Arok's views on the defender had no doubt that a fit Skeen would have been wearing the green and gold last weekend.

As it is, Skeen had to console himself with a ticket for the stand to watch the Manchester United match as a spectator.

Last week Skeen was a sorry figure at Saints' clash with Sydney City Hawks, covering his left arm with a jumper and reluctantly showing his wound to horrified observers.

Skeen said the "iron-work" — a steel brace on the outside of his arm, with rods inserted into his bones through the skin (a truly gruesome sight) — would probably be taken off this week.

Skeen has never had much luck when it comes to representative soccer.

In 1981 he was named in Les Scheinflugs 18-man youth team for the World Youth Cup in Australia, but Scheinflug preferred Blacktown's Robbie Wheatley for the right back position.

Some said Skeen's height — he stands 5'3" — went against him. Yet even his critics conceded he was a better attacker than the taller Wheatley.

Luck deserted him yet again after the tournament when the team travelled to China and Skeen could not get time off from work to make the trip of a lifetime.

Now, with the green and gold shirt dangling just in front of his nose, Lady Luck again played a terrible trick on Skeen.

"I don't think I'm naturally unlucky or anything like that," Skeen said.



David Skeen (right) against Sam Malka of Israel during the 1980 Israeli Winter Youth Tournament — one of Skeen's five games for the young Socceroos.

"I've been lucky enough to win some honors like the National League title with St George, and a Grand Final, so I don't think I'm cursed."

"It's just that some things seem to be taking a while to eventuate," he said, keeping up the optimistic approach for which he is renowned among his teammates.

He said being kept out of soccer for the international series made him even more determined to improve his game once he re-started training.

"All the guys now in the squad have a head start on me for regular team spots, so I'll have to redouble my efforts to make the national team for the World Cup qualifying matches next year," he said.

When quizzed on what areas he felt he needed to improve he quickly replied "everything."

"I don't think you can ever say

you're perfect in any department of the game, and I like to work on everything," he said.

Skeen's surging runs down the right, his tiny legs pumping away like pistons, have been a highlight of the Saints' game, enthusing the fans and adding much needed width and punch to the St George attack.

"I've always been an attacking-minded player," he said.

"It's something that Frank has encouraged, but I always had it."

Skeen said before he went to St George he had never played right back.

"I always played centre half, or

sweeper," he said, quite surprised that anyone would find that a strange position for a player of his size.

"But I like the right back role. I find it a challenge."

"Defenders don't just defend anymore."

"You've got to be willing to go forward, otherwise you're of little use to the team."

Living in Wollongong and training in Sydney used to present problems for him, but he says he has become used to the travelling.

"There are quite a few players now who travel quite some distance to train," he said.

"After the first year it wasn't so bad. I share a flat in Wollongong with Warwick Young (St George's reserve keeper), so we travel up and back together."

"We've got someone to talk to on the trip, and it's made it a lot easier."

His main aim now is to get fit and back into the Saints team.

"But I've got to take it easy, because I've been told that the lung needs time to heal 100 percent," he said.

"I've been doing some running and training in the gym, but I've had to be careful because of the arm-brace."

He said once the brace was off he would be able to do some slight ball work, and said he was hopeful he'd start full training before the end of the National Cup matches.

"Once the internationals are over I hope to be ready to challenge for my old spot in the St George team," he said.

"Then it's up to me to work for that green and gold jersey."

"I'll just have to be a little more careful about motor-bikes I suppose," he quipped.

Hajduk wins Cup

Hajduk Split qualified for next season's European Cup Winners Cup when it won the Yugoslav Cup last week.

Hajduk drew 0-0 with Red Star Belgrade away from home in the second leg of the final to lift the trophy on a 2-1 aggregate.

Kontra new coach

Former Victorian State coach Ken Kontra has been appointed coach of Second Division club Ringwood United Serbia.

Former coach Mirko Rujovic will stay on as a player.

Kontra, who has coached Slavia, Croydon, Melbourne and St Albans, is looking for players. He can be obtained on 725 5392.



With
**Peter
Scott**
**IN
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ASF demolition derby and death of a Cup

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But you must look for it in sideshow alley, whence it has been relegated to make room for the main event — the annual ASF demolition derby.

Come one, come all — the circus is in town once again.

National Cup fiasco

What is the purpose of the NSL Cup?

This is a legitimate question following the debut night of the 1984 version which was so low key that it could easily have sunk without a trace.

There was the odd grumble at St George Stadium aimed at the media — who else? — for not "promoting" the great event.

Promote what?

Teams which have been decimated by the Socceroo series? A competition which is still "doctored" to ensure that no element of chance, which could result in extra travel costs, enters into the picture?

An event which is totally overshadowed by the visit of five foreign club teams over a period of several weeks?

I have said it before and say it again — scrap this nonsensical competition if it can't be framed in meaningful terms as a football event.

Others show the way

While soccer is still surveying the effects of an increase to 24 teams in its top competition in the NSL, it seems that all other major leagues are heading in the opposite direction.

Talk is rife about mergers in the VFL: Rugby League in NSW has set up stringent conditions for membership in 1985 and beyond, and basketball's National League is certain to shed some of the "passengers" in its membership.

The VFL is said to be looking to a league of 10 teams, Rugby League seems certain to comprise only 12 next year, while the National Basketball League could be reduced from 17 to no more than 14.

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'ROOS SPARKLE BUT MCG FALLS FLAT



Coach Eddie Thomson

Walsh stars as Forest bags 4

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 4 (Davenport, Birtles, Bowyer, Swain) WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1 (Normanton) at Lake Monger Velodrome, Perth. Crowd: About 6000.

Nottingham Forest opened its Australian tour in fine fashion with a handsome 4-1 victory against Western Australia in wet and windy conditions in Perth last Sunday.

A atrocious weather turned the Lake Monger Velodrome into a quagmire and at one stage the lights had to be turned on to overcome the gloomy conditions.

But the wild weather did not stop 6000 fans from enjoying the skills of a top English side against a hard-working and resolute WA combination.

Forest posted two goals in each half but the visitors were only catapulted into action after the home side had scored first.

In the 28th minute Forest goalkeeper, Dutch international Hans Van Breukelen, was penalised for taking more than four steps, giving WA an indirect freekick.

Western Australia defender Graham Normanton was allowed two shots at goal, putting the second one into the back of the net.

That brought an immediate response from Forest when the elegant Viv Anderson put in a hard shot which was brilliantly saved by WA goalkeeper Steve Martin. Seconds later Peter Davenport beat three WA defenders to put a shot safely into the corner of the net.

The skill of Forest's one million pound player Garry Birtles showed out as he accepted a brilliant pass from Ian Bowyer to run the ball past Martin and score in the 38th minute.

Mei Brown, making his debut for WA, and Paul Wormley, led the WA attack but they were always outnumbered as the Forest defenders showed how to operate as a unit.

Three minutes into the second half Bowyer flicked a brilliant header into the back of the net after Colin Walsh had driven a long ball across the base of the goal.

Western Australia's attacks were thwarted by the tight Forest defence and in the 72nd minute another brilliant header saw the visitors post their fourth goal.

Walsh, who was firing the ball dangerously into attack, had shot a high cross from outside the box and Ken Swain soared high above the pack to nudge it gently into the net.

Scottish international Walsh was the danger man in attack and his accurate passing was something to watch.

AUSTRALIA B 0 GLASGOW RANGERS 0.
World Soccer Series match at Melbourne Cricket Ground, Sunday. Crowd: about 12,000. Cautions: Miranda (Aust), McAdam (Rangers). Referee: Jim Fearn 3.

AUSTRALIA B: Franken 9 — Henderson 7 — Blair 8, O'Shea 7, J. O'Shea 7 — Patikas 9, Miranda 6 (Crino 65th), Katholos 6 — Brown 7 (Cole 74th), Egan 7. **Coach:** Eddie Thomson.
GLASGOW RANGERS: McCloy 8 — McKinnon 7, McAdam 7, Paterson 7, Dawson 6 — Russell 7 (Inj. Williamson 36th, 8), McPherson 7, Redford 6 (Munro 77th) — MacDonald 8, McCoist 7, Ferguson 6. **Coach:** Jack Wallace.

While the green shirted boys of the national B team were coming out of their clash with Glasgow Rangers with much more credit than their illustrious opponents, the Melbourne Cricket Ground was taking over from the Sydney Cricket Ground as the worst major soccer venue in Australia.

All the marketing arguments in favor of the MCG as a soccer venue instead of Olympic Park now have been fully exposed as mere fantasy.

The marketing moguls told us that they expected a crowd "of about 25,000 to 30,000" for this game. Between "about 50,000 to 60,000" are expected for the Australia A. Juventus match on June 10 at the MCG.

Take it from me, at least half of the 12,000 who watched Australia B and Rangers drawing 0-0, won't be back! And if I didn't have a free ticket and have to report on these games, I wouldn't be back either.

And what were the arguments for slapping Olympic Park in the face and using the MCG?

"We're thinking of the soccer public," said the men who are making the money. "Olympic Park only has



Rangers striker Ally McCoist stretches in front of Mike O'Shea (right) and Peter Katholos.

seating for 4,500," they said, adding poor arithmetic to bad entrepreneurial judgement. Olympic Park has seating for just over 6,000.

"The electronic scoreboard at the MCG is one of only two in the whole of Australia," they blurted. "You'll be able to watch instant replays of all the major, non-controversial incidents," they added, just before charging \$14 to sit in the top deck of the Southern Stand under a cover which cuts out the scoreboard, unless you're in the first few rows of seats.

Promises were made to Olympic Park in 1981. It was promised that after \$4.45 million was spent on renovating the stadium for the World Youth Cup finals, that every repeat, every international soccer match in Melbourne from that point on would be held at Olympic Park.

That's because Olympic Park is a fine soccer stadium. Unlike the MCG, when you watch soccer at Olympic Park you're not miles away from the action. Olympic Park also creates a soccer atmosphere. Those at the MCG on Sunday would have noticed the ghostly atmosphere created by the rows upon rows of empty seats encircling almost two-thirds of the stadium.

Look, the real problem with getting big crowds to big games revolves around the expected spectacle. If expectations are high, people will come in their thousands.

And that's where the playing surface comes in.

Talk to Australian players, to overseas players, to any soccer player unfortunate enough to have the experience of trying to control the ball on these surfaces and you'll discover that both the SCG and MCG have such bumpy and bouncy surfaces that even Pele would be made to look an ordinary State League player on them.

Which brings me back, in Melbourne at least, to Olympic Park. The surface at the No. 1 ground there is first rate. That's where class overseas players should be showing off their skills, rather than being made to look mediocre on bad surfaces.

Speaking about bad, not just a few Rangers players were thinking about referee Jim Fearn's efforts at the MCG last Sunday.

Fearn allowed Richard Miranda to scythe down John MacDonald in the 14th minute without even cautioning the Australia B midfielder. Worse was to follow.

In the 21st minute, Ally McCoist used his body well to hold off Tony Henderson, who ended up on the ground and kicked out at McCoist in frustration.

Fearn was on the spot in an instant but what would have been a sending-off in most club clashes went unpunished without even a yellow card.

But Fearn did pull out a yellow card in the 23rd minute. He booked Colin McAdam for deliberate handball, presumably an offence far more damaging than kicking opponents.

Worse still was to follow. MacDonald twice was decked inside the Australian penalty area in the 33rd minute. He looked to have taken a dive the second time but the first clumsy challenge clearly was a penalty. Fearn, 10 metres away and in full view of both incidents, waved play on.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

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TONY FRANKEN
(Australia B)

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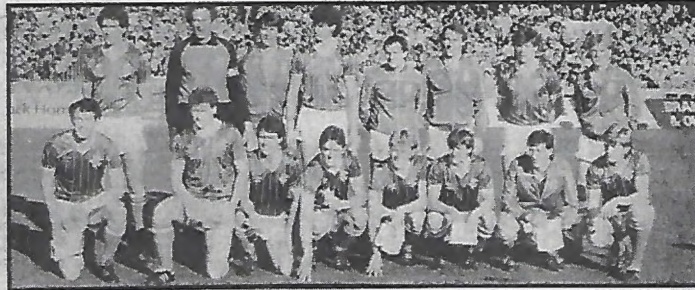
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Australia B at the MCG. Back row: George Wallace (team manager), Stan Slazysk (gear steward), Gary Cole, Oscar Crino, Jim Patikas, Robbie Slater, Steve Blair, Joe Rizzotto, John O'Shea, Richard Miranda, Tony Henderson, Eddie Thomson (coach), John Margartus (assistant coach). Front: Theo Selemidis, Con Opatinis, Peter Lewis, Charlie Egan, Doug Brown, Mike O'Shea, Peter Katholos, Tony Franken, Jeff Oliver. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



Rangers, from left: back row: Craig Paterson, Peter McCloy, Nicky Walker, Davie McPherson, Bob Williamson, Sandy Clark, Ally McCoist, Stuart Munro. Front row: Col McAdam, Ally Dawson, John MacDonald, Ian Redford, Dave McKinnon, Bobby Russell, Hugh Burns, Ian Ferguson.

Peter Sharne, the forgotten man

Not so long ago, he was the celebrated Fairfield Flash, the mercurial Marconi striker, everybody's darling.

Today Peter Sharne is largely forgotten. Together with some others, his career took a nosedive after the Gutzendorf years.

In 1982 he played in Hong Kong; at first with spectacular success, later on a more modest scale. Last year he returned to Sydney, almost through the back door.

A brief, rather prosaic stint with APIA-Leighhardt was a temporary arrangement until his return "home", to Marconi, could be arranged.

The other week, an hour before a Marconi home match, Peter was sitting with a friend in the clubhouse, a forlorn-looking figure, sipping his juice.

I remember when, three or four years ago, he couldn't walk through the club without being literally mobbed; when young girls would line up outside the team's dressing room waiting for the handsome Peter to emerge after matches.

Dropped or out of action?

Injured, of course, with a knee ligament. Maybe another week or two before I can resume training.

Isn't this your second injury spell this season?

I'm not even counting them any more. I had a bad trot last year after I returned from Hong Kong and played with Leighhardt; earlier this year I had an ankle problem here at Marconi — and now this.

By ANDREW DETTRE

Meanwhile, they have selected the Australian squad and you're not in it.

Well, I didn't really expect it, you become sort of forgotten. But really, I should establish myself in the Marconi team first.

Have you given up hopes for a Socceroo return?

No, not really. But I've been out of Australian circulation so long now that you couldn't expect a national coach even to remember you. Maybe next year; I'm only 28.

Marconi is full of top strikers; are you hopeful of a place?

I'd be if I was fit. Yes, we have a lot of talent now — Lowe, Brown, Licata, Jankovics; it's not easy to get one of the spots.

Do you work close to the club or have you gone into some business venture?

Neither; I have no job outside soccer at present.

Can you afford to be full time Marconi?

I live with my parents, at Villawood, so that helps.

But don't you have a good trade?

Yes, I'm an electrician. But I've not worked in that trade for seven years. I am thinking of going back to Tech for a refresher course.

So a fulltime career in soccer is over?

Looks like it, after seven years. I don't think Australian soccer is cut out for it. I had a marvellous time in Hong Kong but I'm glad I came back.

To Sydney?

No, to Marconi. This has been my second home all my soccer life; it's here that I really feel at home.



Peter Sharne in action for Australia against Mexico.

World series on radio, television

The ABC has joined Channel 0/28 in providing a coverage of the international series.

Matches to be broadcast live by ABC radio are:

Australia A v Nottingham Forest, Adelaide, May 30, 8.30 pm.

Manchester United v Juventus, Sydney, June 6, 8 pm.

Australia v Juventus, Melbourne, June 10, 3 pm.

Australia v Juventus, Adelaide, June 12, 8.30 pm.

Australia v Iraklis, Melbourne, June 17, 8 pm.

Channel 0/28 also will cover the above matches, with the exception of the Australia v Juventus clash in Adelaide on June 12.

But in addition to the above, Channel 0 also will cover:

Australia A v Glasgow Rangers, Sydney, June 2.

Manchester United v Nottingham Forest, Melbourne, June 3.

Australia A v Nottingham Forest, Melbourne, June 3.

Australia A v Juventus, Sydney, June 16.

Australia A v Iraklis, Sydney, June 20.

Australia A v Iraklis, Adelaide, June 22.

Burke breaks leg

Peter Burke, signed by Canberra Arrows only a few weeks ago from Newcastle KB United, is out for the rest of the season, with a leg broken in three places.

Burke sustained the injury in a National Cup match against Penrith last week.

Canberra coach Doug Collins has moved swiftly to replace Burke.

Collins has signed Jim Harkins, 22, from Woden Juventus.

Harkins, is a former Celtic apprentice. He trialed with Canberra during the off season but the \$3000 transfer fee sought for him by West Woden, put Canberra off.

Canberra now has secured Harkins on loan for the rest of the season, for a \$1000 fee.



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Man of the Match:
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DAVIDSON SHOWS HOW IT'S DONE

AUSTRALIA A 0 MANCHESTER UNITED 0 at Sydney Cricket Ground, Saturday, Crowd: 16,047. Referee: Peter Rampley 6. Referee: Peter Rampley 6.

AUSTRALIA A: Pozzano 7 - Yankos 8 - Davidson 9, Ratcliffe 8, S. O'Connor 7, Jennings 8 - Watson 9 (injured, sub Raskopoulos 87th), Cant 8, Murphy 7 - Kosmina 6, Soper 7. Coach: Frank Arok.
MANCHESTER UNITED: Pears 7 - McGrath 8, Moran 8, McQueen 7, Blackburn 6 - Hutchinson 6, Dempsey 8, Davies 7 - Hughes 7, Worthington 6, Graham 7. Coach: Ron Atkinson.

Alan Davidson and Joe Watson showed Manchester United's scratch team how to play on Saturday. Davidson was particularly impressive, controlling the ball in the tightest of positions, shrugging off opponents, playing one-two down the line, and even having a few shots at goal.

Watson, playing wide on the right, showed equal skill, bamboozling the United players who tried in vain to dispossess him. Watson's combinations in the first half with Davidson and Jim Cant, certainly were better than anything United tried during the match.

It probably was because of the absence of so many players - Robson, Wilkins, Duxbury, Whiteside, Bailey, Albiston, Muehren, Macari, Gidman - that United was so subdued.

Whatever the reason, anyone who tried to pinpoint the best players of this match would have come up with at least five Australians before looking at the opposition.

Apart from Davidson and Watson, we saw fine performances from Charlie Yankos, Graham Jennings, David Ratcliffe, and Cant, and we thrilled at a few breakaway runs by Marshall Soper.

Skill-wise, striker Mark Hughes

was United's best, but although he has great control, and shields the ball exceptionally well, Ratcliffe restricted Hughes to only one shot at goal, which sailed over the bar.

United's best scoring chances fell to midfielder Mark Dempsey, who also was impressive, but his low shots, after running into passes, both went wide.

Tommy Hutchinson, who had been playing in Hong Kong, was out of the play for long periods, and the other guest player, Frank Worthington, also did little, but in defence, big Paul McGrath who marked Soper, showed a lot of grit, as did Moran who came close to scoring with a header, after moving forward from his defensive position.

Australia's best scoring chance came after only four minutes, when John Kosmina rose high but his header flashed past the post.

And when Davidson scooped past three opponents late in the game and squared the ball into the penalty

area, most of the 16,000 crowd anticipated a goal, but Marshall Soper was put off by an opponent, and Jim Cant challenged goalkeeper Steve Pears too late.

After the game Frank Arok said: "We created enough to have scored perhaps half a dozen against weaker opposition - and, after all, the purpose of this series is to prepare us for our World Cup qualifying games next year."

"We have a team that fights and that gives nothing away. We also had more fluency in our play than United had."

Ron Atkinson of Manchester United said of Australia: "If that's how they play in a friendly, I wonder how they'd play in a real match."

The Australians are very competitive, and they certainly were fired up for the game. They never let us get into our stride and their central defenders (Charlie Yankos, David Ratcliffe and Steve O'Connor) are very strong indeed."



Gordon McQueen opens a bottle of bubbly to celebrate United's 4-2 victory over Hong Kong's Bulova on the team's way to Australia.



Alan Davidson hooks the ball away from Arthur Graham on the touchline. Picture: LES SHORROCK

Journalists black-ban Canberra

The Canberra branch of the Australian Journalists Association has placed a ban on its members covering activities of the Canberra Arrows.

The ban is in response to what the AJA said was an inadequate answer from the Arrows regarding their treatment of part-time ABC journalist Bernie Harris.

A resolution passed by the branch committee said the Arrows' board had failed to grasp the unacceptability of individual harassment of a journalist "Who is properly adhering to the AJA code of ethics by reporting events without fear or favor, accurately and fairly as he sees them".

The row started a month ago when the Arrows banned Harris because of what they said was negative commentary concerning soccer in general and the Arrows in particular.

When Harris turned up to comment on the Arrows versus Melbourne Croatia match at Canberra's Bruce Stadium, on April 29, he was confronted by Department of Aboriginal Affairs Head and Arrows president Charles Perkins.

Perkins called the police and tried unsuccessfully to have Harris ejected from the ground.

During the game Harris says Perkins and other club members repeatedly interrupted him.

The Arrows have since acknowledged they cannot stop Harris from being at the stadium, but have said they cannot guarantee his safety.



Joe Watson is confronted by a leg.

THE NATIONAL CUP

ROUND THREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

• At MIDDLE PARK k.o. 1.15pm double -header.

JUVENTUS v GEORGE CROSS, SOUTH MELBOURNE v FOOTSCRAY at 3pm

At OLYMPIC VILLAGE, k.o. 1.15pm double-header.

GREEN GULLY v PRESTON, HEIDELBERG v MELBOURNE CROATIA at 3pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

• At SYDNEY ATHLETIC FIELD, k.o. 1.15pm double-header

SYDNEY CITY v ADELAIDE CITY, SYDNEY OLYMPIC v PENRITH at 3pm

• At WOLLONGONG, k.o. 3pm

WOLLONGONG v LEICHHARDT

• At ADAMSTOWN OVAL, k.o. 2.30pm

NEWCASTLE v ST. GEORGE

• At GABBIE STADIUM at 1.15pm double-header

BLACKTOWN v WEST ADELAIDE, MELITA EAGLES v CANBERRA at 3pm

• At KING TOMISLAV PARK at 3pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v BRISBANE CITY

Manchester United and Nottingham Forest are two of the most colorful clubs in the soccer world — from their humble beginnings to their crowning successes. They also continue to feature some of the biggest stars in the game. This feature by 'Soccer Action's' Paul Moon recalls men like Bobby Charlton, Terry Hennessy, Bobby McKinlay, George Best and also profiles the current players.

Nottingham's glory inspired by Clough



Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough

Although the English Football League's third oldest club, being formed in 1865, Nottingham Forest's history can be divided into just two distinct periods: the contemporary era and BC — Before Clough.

For it is the flamboyant Clough who transformed Forest from a run of the mill team into a force which is respected throughout the football world. Its origins lie in shinty, a robust form of hockey, which a group of Nottingham men played until they sought an alternative to that bruising game and turned to soccer. As their original ground lay on the edge of Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest, the name Nottingham Forest was chosen.

The first recorded description of the club relates to its members as "a bunch of harmless lunatics, who amused themselves by kicking each other on the shins."

Perhaps it was the attention of team-mates to that particular part of his body during training which inspired Sam Widdowson to introduce shinty into the game for the first time in 1874.

Widdowson, known as "Father of Forest," was one of the great figures during their early days and gained an international cap against Scotland in 1880.



Defender Kenny Swain

Forest is rightly proud of its role as a pioneer — not only initiating the use of shinty, but also the referee's whistle (1878), three half backs (1885) and crossbars instead of a tape between goalposts (1891).

They were also to establish themselves as a side of consequence on the field and appeared in the FA Cup semi-finals of 1879, 1880 and 1885, but were overlooked when the Football League was formed in 1888, largely because they had not yet turned professional.

The fledgling league adopted a closed-shop policy and it was to count this that 12 non-members formed a rival competition — the Football Alliance.

Forest, who had now embraced professionalism, were prominent among the dozen and continued to make a mark in the FA Cup their 14-0 victory at Clapton in the 1891 edition remains the record away win in English senior soccer.

The following year was even more notable, as the Nottingham club captured the Football Alliance Championship, reached the FA Cup semi-finals once more and gained election to the Football League.

In the seasons immediately prior to the entry of Forest into the league, they included in their line-up one of English soccer's more colorful characters.

Dr Tinsley Lindell was among the most prolific goalkeepers of his day, despite shunning the use of soccer boots. He found these cumbersome and instead wore common, everyday shoes.

When his playing career was over, Lindell became a prominent lawyer and advanced to the position of County Court judge.

Forest's initial seasons in the world's premier soccer competition at that time produced little to enthuse about, but they kept plugging away at the FA Cup and actually won the trophy, despite being reduced to 10 men for most of the pie-substitutes 1898 final against Derby County when wing half Bill Wragg was injured.

Most famous among the Cup



Former Forest star Terry Hennessy

winners was nine-times capped centre half Frank Forman, who had joined Forest three years earlier, ironically from Derby.

He came from a remarkable footballing family: Frank, brother Fred and their nephew, Harry Linacre, all represented England while on Forest's books.

The club had to wait 61 years before again claiming a major honor — the vast majority of which time was spent in the Second Division and included a couple of terms in the Third.

Two seasons after returning to Division One, from which they had been absent for over half a century, Forest won the FA Cup a second time and, coincidentally, again lost a player in the final when Roy Dwight (pop singer cum Watford Chairman Elton John's uncle) broke a leg.

They were lucky to get beyond the competition's Third Round, in which amateurs Tooting and Mitcham led them 2-0 before conceding a penalty and bizarre own goal. The replay was won 3-0.

Among Forest's stars at Wembley was tough central defender Bobby McKinlay, who went on to complete a club record 614 league appearances.

McKinlay saw his side consolidate their first division status, without ever threatening to win the championship itself until the 1965-67 campaign when an outstanding combination based upon Welsh international wing half Terry Hennessey, England striker Joe Baker, exciting young winger Ian Storey-Moore and the rock solid McKinlay looked possible "double" winners for much of the season.

Unfortunately, the Manchester United of Law, Charlton and Best at their peak proved too powerful in the league and an on-form Tottenham Hotspur had the better of a FA Cup semi final tie.

The Midlands club gained the consolation of qualifying for a second tilt at a European competition (the first was in the old Inter Cities Fairs Cup, for which they were permitted entry merely because Nottingham hosted an industrial fair).

A famous story surrounds the 1967 Forest expedition to the Continent.

They lost their first round second-leg game away to FC Zurich 1-0, which meant a 2-2 draw on aggregate. Apparently, the English players were puzzled by Zurich's lap of honor while they were lining up for extra time. Nobody had informed them of the away goal ruling!

True or not, the Reds had a reputation for an almost Corinthian outlook; in contrast to the ever-increasing cynicism of soccer elsewhere.

When Sammy Chapman was sent off against Leeds United in 1971, he was the first Nottingham player to be dismissed from the field for 32 years!

A lack of ambition, illustrated by the readiness in which they sold their better players, was the major reason for a steady decline and by 1975 Forest were a very average Second Division side — then along came Brian Clough.

When Clough arrived at the City Ground, he was trying to revive his managerial career, which has suffered severe setbacks at Brighton and Leeds United.

It took him two and a half years to tentatively raise Forest into Division One — as the third-placed promoted club.

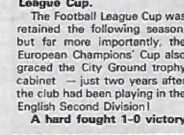
In the same season they won the Anglo-Scottish Cup, yet many pundits predicted they

would crash straight down again, but the astute manager spent wisely on the transfer market, buying Peter Shilton, Kenny Burns and Archie Gemmill to add backbone to an already talented team.

A run of 28 games without defeat enabled Forest to enter away with the First Division title. In addition, they won the Football League Cup.

The Football League Cup was retained the following season, but far more importantly, the European Champions' Cup also graced the City Ground trophy cabinet — just two years after the club had been playing in the English Second Division!

A hard fought 1-0 victory



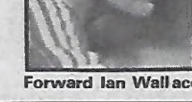
Forward Ian Wallace



Team captain Ian Bowyer



Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough



Forward Ian Wallace

chester City (with whom a European Cup Winners' Cup winners medal was won in 1970), Orient and Sunderland. Celebrates his 33rd birthday on June 6th.

STEVE WIGLEY: A \$4,000 buy from amateurs Curzon Ashton three years ago to replace veteran Scottish international John Robertson, he has developed into one of the best natural wingers in the First Division. At 22 years of age, a tremendous prospect.

STEVE HODGE: Another of Clough's 'New Breed', the England under-21 striker was rejected by Manchester United, Derby County, Notts County, West Bromwich Albion and Millwall, after trials with them all. Voted Forest's 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83 — his first season of senior soccer.

PETER DAVENPORT: Another youngster plucked from obscurity by Clough. Formerly with works team Cammell Lairds on Merseyside, he was rejected by Everton and Wrexham. Scored 4 goals in his first 5 league games and, although unable to sustain that rate, is a striker of great promise.

KENNY SWAIN: A bargain \$50,000 buy in October 1982 from Aston Villa, who had paid Chelsea quadruple that figure four years earlier. Originally a midfielder, but now usually plays at full back.

VIV ANDERSON: The first black to gain full international honors for England. Locally born he has been a first team regular since 1974. A tall, gangling full back, who is a great asset when powering down the flanks.

BRYN GUNN: First played for Forest's first team back in 1975, but has yet to cement place. He made substitute's appearance during Champions' Cup final, a great success when guesting for Eastern Suburbs of the New Zealand National League in 1978.

CHRIS FAIRCLOUGH: Gained regular first team place only this year, but made such progress that Clough has predicted he will become first black centre half to represent England. One of Forest's local products.

PAUL HART: Bought last year for \$120,000 from Leeds United, who paid Blackpool five times this amount in 1978. A fine, experienced central defender, he commenced his career with Stockport County and is the son of former Manchester City player Johnny Hart.

MARK SMALLEY: Another local discovery, he is a promising defender with only limited first team experience.

GARY BIRTLES: Now back at Forest after nightmare two years with Manchester United, who bought him for \$2,500,000 and returned him to Forest for \$550,000. Originally he cost the Reds \$6,000 from non league outfit Long Eaton. A strong, alert striker, who has three full caps for England.

BRIAN CLOUGH (Manager): A brilliant striker with Middlesbrough and Sunderland, who had to retire at 29 with knee injuries after scoring 251 league goals and gaining 2 England caps. Managerial career commenced with humble Hartlepool United and he has subsequently experienced mixed fortunes at Derby County (1972 Division One Championship), Brighton and Hove Albion (18th in Division Three), Leeds United (dismissed after 44 days) and Forest (six major trophies). English soccer's most colorful character is never afraid to speak his mind and has political ambitions, being a fervent Socialist.

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There can be little doubt that Manchester United is the most popular football club in the world. Its supporters' association boasts legions of members in almost every country.

The reason for such amazing popularity is something of a mystery, for they can boast but one European title, while Liverpool and Arsenal have both acquired more English League championships.

Admittedly, the great sympathy extended to the club after the Munich air disaster is responsible for many having pledged allegiance to United, but Italian champion Torino suffered an even greater loss of playing personnel through an air crash in 1949 and it can claim few followers beyond Turin.

Whatever the reason, Manchester United does have an aura which is absolutely unique.

United's current status would amaze the Dining Room Committee of the Carriage and Wagon Workers of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway at Newton Heath, on the outskirts of Manchester, which decided to start a soccer side in 1878.

The title chosen for their team was almost equally cumbersome — Newton Heath (Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway) Football Club. Perhaps it was expenditure on ink which caused the first financial crisis — early meetings being conducted in candlelight, as they could not afford to pay a gas bill.

Despite this discouraging start, the railwaymen were not to lack ambition, adopting professionalism in 1885 and four years later joined eleven other clubs to form the Football Alliance, in competition to the one-year-old Football League.

After the 1890-91 season, the league expanded to accommodate all but one Alliance member and Newton Heath found themselves playing in its First Division.

Bottom in each of the initial two campaigns, they were demoted to Division Two in 1893 (the "test match" system of promotion — relegation had saved them the previous year) and stayed in the lower section for 12 years, mainly as an indifferent middle-of-the-ladder team.

Severe financial problems appeared likely to bring extinction in 1902. Debts totalled \$5,300 and the official receiver was called in by creditors.

But, salvation came in the form of five local businessmen, led by brewer J.H. Davies, who each donated \$1,000. To mark the new beginning, Newton Heath became Manchester United.

Davies also secured the services of J.F. Mangold as manager and it was his shrewd dealings on the transfer market which transformed the club.

Promoted in 1906, they were league champions within two seasons and the FA Cup winners of 1909.

Mangold's most inspired signing was Welsh international Billy Meredith. Perhaps the first great winger, he always played with a toothpick in his mouth.

The great throng which lined the streets of Manchester to see the United parade the Cup around the city gave early evidence of their popular support.

To cater for this ever-growing army of fans, a stadium at Old Trafford was built in 1910 for the then massive sum of \$120,000 and here United moved from Bank Street, a decrepit ground situated adjacent to a foul smelling chemical works, which had been their home since 1893.

A year later the league championship trophy took pride of place in the new headquarters, but soon afterwards Mangold joined Manchester City and Meredith went with him.

For the next 30 years, United were nothing more than a mediocre outfit and three times experienced stints in Division Two.

They lost their first 12 games of the 1930-31 campaign, which ended with them having conceded 115 goals and finishing bottom of the First Division. This prompted a mass boycott by supporters and United found themselves unable to pay players wages.

Only a donation of \$4,000 by Chairman James Gibson, a textile manufacturer, bailed them out, but it was only a temporary respite.

By 1939, debts had risen to \$150,000. The Second World War delayed any possible bankruptcy proceedings but that was the only favor Herr Hitler did for United. In 1941, most of Old Trafford was demolished by German bombs.

When hostilities ceased, United found themselves deep in debt and without a home. They required a miracle worker — and that is what they got, in the form of Matt Busby.

Busby, a wing half with Manchester City and Liverpool who had been good enough to play for Scotland, was considering the offer of a position as Liverpool's assistant manager, when Gibson contacted him.

He was one of the first "track

suit managers". Beforehand, managers were invariably desk-bound, middle-aged, portly and dressed like local government officials, but Busby always attended training sessions and involved himself in everyday club matters.

Post-War British soccer crowds yearned for exciting fare and Busby's team gave it to them.

A crowd of 83,280 crammed into Maine Road (Manchester City's ground, but United's home for three seasons while Old Trafford was being restored) to see the Red Devils take on Arsenal in 1948. In view of today's declining attendance and modern ground safety regulations, that record for an English league game is unlikely to be ever superseded.



Manchester United's 1968 European Cup-winning side reassembled for Pat Crerand's testimonial game in 1975. From left, standing: David Herd, David Sadler, Alex Stepney, Pat Crerand, Shay Brennan, Brian Kidd, Francis Burns, Sir Matt Busby. Front: Bobby Charlton, Nobby Stiles, Denis Law, Tony Dunne, George Best.

Later that same year, United won the FA Cup, beating Blackpool in a classic final, despite having to play all six games away from home against first division opposition.

Busby had moulded a brilliant team in a remarkably short time and with little expenditure. Most of his stars being signed before or during the War.

Captain "Gentle John" Carey was a \$500 signing from Dublin's St. James Gate. He played in every position for United by goalkeeper and also represented Northern Ireland, Eire and Rest of Europe (v. Great Britain, 1947).

Local discovery Henry Cockburn, a small and aggressive wing half, made such an immediate impact that he won a place in the England side after only a handful of league games.

John Aston remained a Red Devil for his entire career, during which he won 17 England caps at full back and although bustling centre forward Jack Rowley appeared with four clubs, United benefitted from the peak years.

Carey, Cockburn, Aston and Rowley were members of the team that carried off the 1951-52 First Division title, but it was obvious that the old guard's time would be limited and a comprehensive youth programme commenced which produced the Busby Babes.

An extensive scouting system, the uncanny gift of Assistant Manager Jimmy Murphy to spot future stars and Busby's ability to nurture them were so effective that, almost overnight, a powerful new United emerged without enduring the customary transitional period.

Most experts choose attacking wing half Duncan Edwards as the pick of the bunch of "Babes". There was no more exciting sight in English soccer during the mid fifties than Edwards surging forward and launching either powerful shot or immaculate through ball.

Capped when only 183 days beyond his 18th birthday, he remains the youngest ever to represent England.

Originally a right back, tall, powerful Bill Foulkes moved to centre half, where he remained the cornerstone of United's defence for 17 years.

Remarkably, Foulkes played only once for England — in 1954.

Like Foulkes, Eddie Colman came from the Manchester area, but was a stocky, creative wing half who gained the nickname "Swivel Hips" because of his body swerve.

Yet another Mancunian, Roger Byrne captained the side from full back. A former winger, his main assets were speed and intelligence. He wore the England jersey 33 times.

Tommy Taylor, one of the few Babes to cost a transfer fee when moving from home town club, Barnsley, averaged two goals per three games. The powerful centre forward played for England on 19 occasions.

Charlton, Law, Best are jewels in Utd's crown

Successor Dave Sexton's strictly-by-the-text-book coaching resulted in alien, stereotyped soccer although he had, at one time, 18 full internationals to call upon. The Londoner received the sack, despite having just completed seven successive victories.

Present incumbent Ron Atkinson assumed the manager's office on the strength of building a West Bromwich Albion team which, although powerful, won precisely nothing.

Under Atkinson, United have already claimed the FA Cup, but it is now 17 years since the League Championship trophy graced Old Trafford and the Liverpoolian must snare that one if he is to be considered a success.

With Jesper Olsen and Gordon Strachan, major contributors to the recent successes of Denmark and Aberdeen respectively, performing in their midfield next season, United are assured of another intriguing campaign.

Irrespective of how they fare, their progress will be followed with intense interest on all continents.

Some members of the touring party.

Gary Bailey: Born in Ipswich (where his father, Roy, also a goalkeeper, won a League Championship medal), but raised in South Africa, he joined United from Johannesburg club Wits University. Many believe him to be the likely replacement for Peter Shilton when the Southampton player's England career ends. Already capped at Under-21 and B levels.

plains of 1964-65 and 1966-67.

United could now be rated amongst the most exciting combinations produced by British club soccer — one which captured the public's imagination with the quality of their play.

In 1967-68, the average attendance for games at Old Trafford was 57,758.

Obviously, the Red Devils now had their best ever chance of lifting the European Champions' Cup — a trophy which had assumed an almost mystical quality following Munich.

If it was appropriate that Bill Foulkes' goal should climax an astonishing fight back in Madrid to subdue Real in the semi final, then his fellow air disaster survivor Bobby Charlton's pair in the final against Benfica provided a scenario which would have taxed the imagination of Hans Christian Andersen.

The other two goals claimed by United during that momentous Wembley evening went to 22 year old Best and Brian Kidd, who was celebrating his 18th birthday.

Best and Kidd were but two of the many promising young players on the Old Trafford payroll.

Confident the foreseeable future was secure and having achieved his ultimate ambition in the shape of the Champions' Cup, a contented and newly knighted Sir Matt Busby retired in 1971.

But, the post-Busby years proved among the most traumatic in United's history.

Best became bored with soccer and, without Busby's steady influence, drifted into obscurity. Kidd failed to fulfill his promise and another young Wembley hero, John Fitzpatrick, was forced into premature retirement through injury.

The revered veterans retained their first team places, though obviously well over the hill, simply because there were no adequate replacements.

Will McGinness and Frank O'Farrell, both briefly occupied the manager's chair, without being able to halt a steady deterioration.

Then, Tommy Docherty arrived on the scene.

His answer to the dilemma came in the form of a cheque book: buying almost a totally new team within two months of arriving at Old Trafford.

Docherty could not save United from the humiliation of relegation, but their directors maintained faith in the Scot and were rewarded with the Second Division title and FA Cup.

Equally important, his tea presented vintage football in the Red Devils' traditional entertaining style. The Doc appeared destined to become United's third illustrious manager, in the footsteps of Mangold and Busby, when his love affair with the wife of the club's physiotherapist led him to being dismissed.



Manchester United midfielder Remi Moses

Gordon McDouen: Gangling, 6'3" Scottish international central defender, who joined United from Leeds in February, 1978 for \$900,000. Won FA Cup winners' medal last year, after 5 losing Wembley finals! To turn 32 on June 26 he has been injury prone in recent years.

Kevin Moran: Spotted by United while playing Gaelic football (a Celtic variation of Aussie Rules), he is one of the bravest back four players in Britain. A regular in the Eire national team, his career has been hampered by numerous injuries, mainly gashes to head and legs.

Paul McGrath: Promising young central defender, who cost United \$60,000 when moving from famous Dublin club St. Patrick's Athletic in April, 1983 — shortly after being named Eire's Footballer of the Year. Born in London, but raised in the Republic, he missed much of the recently completed season through knee injury.

Alan Davies: One of United's heroes in the 1983 FA Cup Final — playing at Wembley after just 4 league games, he missed most of the 1983-84 season with ruptured ankle ligaments. A Welsh international.

Remi Moses: From family of eight, his competitive style is reminiscent of Nobby Stiles. Moved from West Bromwich Albion, shortly after Ron Atkinson, as result of \$1,000,000 transfer in September, 1981. An England under-21 cap.

Scott McGarvey: After failing to secure regular first team place with United, this Scottish under-21 international was the subject of much transfer speculation throughout 1983-84. Newspaper reports indicate that both Newcastle United and Watford retain interest.

Mark Hughes: The revelation of the recently completed campaign, he has the look of a top class goal grabber. Scored winner during Welsh international debut against England recently.

Norman Whiteside: Bustling Northern Ireland international striker, he is the youngest ever to play in World Cup finals and youngest to score in FA Cup Final. Inability to form effective partnership with Stapleton has led to rumors to move to Italy or Spain.

Arthur Graham: The career of this 31-year-old Scot took a new lease of life following bargain \$100,000 transfer from Leeds less than a year ago. A positive, goal-scoring winger, who has represented Scotland ten times and commenced career at Aberdeen.

Ron Atkinson (manager): Steady, if unspectacular, wing half with Oxford United during their early years of League soccer, he made an immediate impact as manager when guiding Cambridge United to the 1976-77 Division Four title.

His subsequent efforts in building strongest West Bromwich Albion side in 20 years led to appointment at Old Trafford. A colorful, popular character.



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● Fawkner, back row: Gus Macleod (coach), Ged Bannon, Neil Garvey, Fabio Angele, Michael Giacomo, Robert Terzini, Tony Costa, Ian Tuffield, Frank Macleod, Ralph Petrocelli. Front row: Michael Chicolma, Joe Palinkas, Gary Hobson, Harry McKinley, Bruno Cozzella, Tiziano Cavallari, Peter Boyle, Reno Lia. Missing: Robert Palmariotti, John Sannipoli. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Rapid rise

1966 — Frank Guiseppe, Dominic Schipano and Gino Marcato form Fawkner Bakers Soccer Club.
1968 — Fawkner joins the VSF and plays in the now defunct District Leagues.
1972 — Fawkner amalgamates with Fitzroy Azurri.
1973 — Now in the Provisional League, Fawkner finishes runner-up to Frankston Pines.
1974 — Again Fawkner is runner-up, this time to Werribee.
1975 — Another runner-up placing. Morwell Falcons wins title on goal difference.
1976 — Fawkner finishes third but the reserves win the title.
1977 — Fawkner finishes runner-up to Werribee and is promoted to Metro Fourth Division.
1978 — Fawkner finishes second and is promoted to Third Division.
1979 — Fawkner finishes third.
1980 — Fawkner finishes second and is promoted to Second Division.
1981 — Fawkner wins the title and goes into First Division.
1982 — Fawkner wins the title and goes into State League.
1983 — Fawkner finishes eighth in State League.



Fawkner defender Gary Hobson

TOP MEN IN CHARGE

If it takes a team of professionals to run a club professionally, then Fawkner is one of the best administered clubs in Australian soccer.

President Greg Schipano is a managing director; vice-president Carlo Graffeo is a pharmacist; chairman Paul Arduca is a medical practitioner; secretary Sam Pizzo is a finance executive; and treasurer John Montana is a public accountant.

The eight general committee members all are professional people. Dominic Schipano is a managing director; Leo Congiu is a medical practitioner and a practising psychiatrist; Robert Tommasini is a solicitor; Jim Erneste is a managing director; Adrian Ferrante is a managing director; team manager Colin Tuffield is a travel agent; Umberto Frattale is an architect; and Rizio Carlucci is a businessman.

Hobson suspicious of NSL bosses

Gary Hobson thinks that Fawkner is good enough to win the State League championship but doesn't believe that a Victorian club will be relegated from the NSL's National Conference to make way for Fawkner.

"I've heard it all before and I reckon that at the last minute the National League will change its mind and decide that one year for the likes of Sunshine-George Cross is not enough to establish yourself in the NSL, so they'll be given another chance," said Hobson, Fawkner's 23 year old left back.

"I know that the last placed Victorian club is supposed to be relegated but I'll believe it when I see it. If it happens it will be a first, because up until now the National League hasn't been able to solve the problem of promotion and relegation."

While Hobson's sights are set firmly on playing in the NSL, then trying to get into the Victorian team and possibly the national squad, he also would like to again take a crack at trying to break into professional football in England. He concedes however that "it would be very hard because I've only been married for six months and I'm very settled here."

Nevertheless, the urge is there. Born in Shrewsbury in England, Hobson came to Australia with his family in 1974. He played with Mooroolbark juniors then switched to Doncaster Rovers, making his first team debut as a 16 year old.

He went to England in 1978 and trailled with Reading for six months. He was offered a contract but even though he only had spent four years in Australia, he found it hard to stay away. He turned down Reading's offer, trialled for a short time with Shrewsbury Town, then returned to Australia and joined Croydon City in the State League.

Despite Morwell Falcons and Sunshine-George Cross's interest in him, he signed with Fawkner this year and after appearing before the Appeals Board, his transfer fee from Croydon was set at \$2,000.

"Croydon had got rid of a lot of top class players from last year. I had done a lot of work with Jimmy Rooney and Gus Macleod at Croydon last season and I didn't want that work to go to waste. That's why I decided to leave and I really haven't got any regrets."

"I can't praise Gus enough as a coach. He spends a lot of time working on each player's weaknesses and on improving individual skills."

Hobson also believes that there are a lot of State League players good enough to play in the NSL. He also says that these players don't get the recognition they deserve.

And Hobson hasn't gained much recognition during his State League career. But that's because he's never been keen on pushing himself to the media.

"I don't go out of my way looking for recognition. It's a thing that can ruin players. I've seen players getting great write-ups and it's gone to their heads."

But whether Hobson likes it or not, he's one of the finest left backs around. And that's not just in the Victorian State League.

**\$11,000
spent,
\$6,750
earned**

Fawkner has spent \$11,000 in transfer fees for seven new players this year and has recouped \$6,750 from the sale of six players.

The players brought to the club are:

Peter Boyle, from Green Gully for \$3,000; Ged Bannon from Brunswick Juventus for \$3,000; Gary Hobson from Croydon for \$2,000; Harry McKinley from Sunshine-George Cross for \$1,500; Neil Garvey from Ringwood Werbelina for \$1,000; Frank Macleod from Albion Rovers for \$400 and Reno Lia from Croydon for \$100.

The players sold are: Sergio Sabbadini and Mel Anselmo to Bulleen; Carlo Sabidussi and David Vesanar to Essendon Triestina; and Tony Schipano and Bill Panas to Eltham.

Cesare Fattore is transferred listed at \$12,000. Andy Bozika and Jim Kondarios also are transfer listed.

Fawkner coach Gus Macleod has proven to be a shrewd wheeler and dealer in this, his first club coaching experience. However, that's understandable. As a player in Scotland, Macleod was under 13 different managers and one of them, Willie Cunningham, is a former Scotland manager. And during Macleod's playing career in Australia, men like Bobby McLachlan, John Gardiner and Len McKendry have enhanced his football knowledge.

Macleod marches

By CRAIG MACKEN

High flying Fawkner Azzurri team of astute administrator Gus Macleod, rapidly earned a reputation as a fine coach win the Victorian State League this year and go into the League in 1985.

Macleod prides himself on being strict with his players. He assessed his first team during the Buffalo Cup series earlier told the players individually of his assessment, resulted in six players being sold. In seven new players in Macleod's squad.

"During my playing career, I learned a lot about people but I've also got my own ideas of how a club should be played. I love using wingers as attacking football at all times," said Macleod. Fawkner approached Macleod last December to quit as coach.

"I was impressed with the committee first meeting. They all were professional people how to run the club along strict business; they wanted someone to run the club who never made any rash promises to them. I'd do my best to produce a winning team."

"Inside, I felt all along that we were in a winning league and now the players are good players. They know if they can't discipline they've got a chance of winning something."

So let's look at the 18 players in Macleod's squad, through the eyes of their coach.

Rob Terzini (Goalkeeper): "He's gradual more commitment. If his concentration is more positive and his reading of the game, this lad will be one of the best goalkeepers."

Harry McKinley (Defender): "He's got a first class player. He attacks and defends and he's been a big steady influence on the players. He's also been a bonus in the whenever nerves are apparent. He never gets flustered."

Frank Macleod (Defender): "Nominated Victorian State League Team of the Year last year in the tackle and has few peers in the air."

Tiziano Cavallari (Defender): "Lack of pace but he's got the potential for he's one of the best libero around. He's one of the players I've seen out there."

Gary Hobson (Defender): "Easily the best fullback in State League. And he's got an edge. His ability to take a long throw-in causes a momentary opposing defences."

Peter Boyle (Midfielder): "The most exciting at the club. He's a former Scottish professional member of the West Adelaide team National League back in 1978. Peter's a player and loves to get forward. In every way, he's a Fawkner."

Fabio Angele (Defender or midfielder): "With possibly the best attitude of any player. He's a real powerhouse in any department. Let him down at times but that's something he's remedied."

Ged Bannon (Midfielder): "Due to injury yet had the full benefit of his vast experience fully fit. His skills and his never-say-die attitude rewards for us."

Joe Palinkas (Forward): "A perfect example of a winger should play. He's fast, and his pace and pin-point crosses mean that he commands attention from opposing players. He has all the needs of the modern game and now under Macleod's defensive responsibilities too."

Bruno Cozzella (Forward): "Very fast, only 20 and he's yet to realise his potential. The ball and ability to take half chances put him among the best strikers."

Ian Tuffield (Forward): "He's the envy of National League clubs. At least six that I know of almost everyone at Fawkner. Ian's a man. He's deadly in the air and he's good on his loyalty and dedication to the club's good name among players nowadays."



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Fawkner coach Gus Macleod.

Reno Lia (Forward): "A fine left sided player. His hunger for the ball only is surpassed by his eagerness for success. He only cost us \$100 from Croydon. That's the best \$100 Fawkner's ever spent."

Neil Garvey (Forward): "He's been a bit unfortunate to come to the club at a time when we had two strikers who were playing so well, and I've had to use Neil on the left side of midfield. But once the pitches become heavy, we'll see the real Neil Garvey. His close control is first rate."

Michael Giacomi (Defender): "One of the young boys in the squad. He's prepared to get forward, which I like, but he's got to work hard on improving his distribution. Nevertheless, if I asked him to run through a brick wall he'd do it."

Ralph Petrocchi (Defender): "Very pacy and good at overlapping. The thing that let's him down is that his mind can wander a bit and he doesn't pick up players like he should. But that's something we're working on."

Robert Palmariotti (Midfielder): "He's got great skills on the ball. He tends to ball-watch a bit though and he's a bit one paced. He's got to work on these things."

John Sannipoli (Forward): "He started off well in the Buffalo Cup and was banging in the goals. Of course, he lacks experience, being young, but I've got the feeling that he could develop into an exceptional player."

Tony Costa (Goalkeeper): "Tony's played with the Victorian under-18 team. I've got a lot of time for him. He's brave, reads the game well and his distribution is very good."

Fawkner also has five to six top flight youngsters in its reserve team and Macleod is hoping that these lads develop into fine senior players over the next few years.

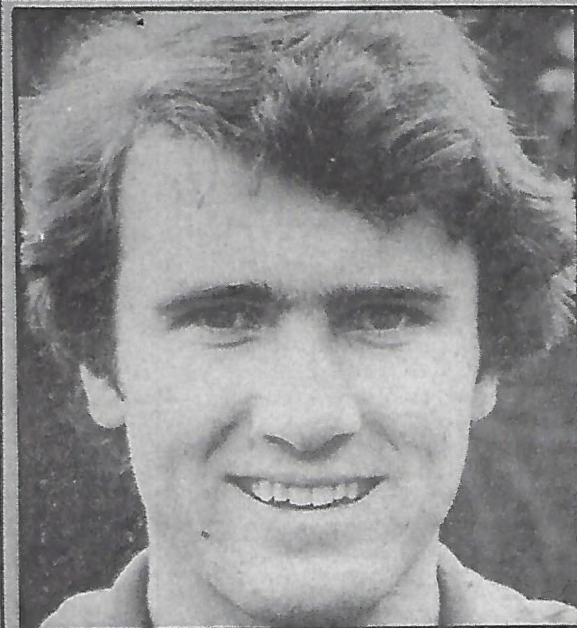
And Bruno Sabudissi, one of Fawkner's finest players over the past few seasons, is recovering from serious injury.

Macleod's assistant coach, Billy Milne, is a former George Cross and Lions player. He's also coached Victorian clubs Cranbourne and Lyndale United and holds a senior ASF coaching badge.

Les Gooney, who was set to make his mark in State League last year as an outstanding sweeper until struck down by a serious leg injury, is in charge of Fawkner's under-16 side. Gooney is due to go into hospital soon for knee reconstruction surgery.

"Billy and Les are very important to me because they work so well with the younger players. It's hard when you're trying to win something to use a lot of youngsters and I certainly don't want these lads to feel left out of things. These youngsters are Fawkner players of the future so it's vital that they are well looked after now. And that's where Billy and Les come in and both are doing a great job for the club," said Macleod.

"The fans have been great so far. The whole club really is geared for success and I certainly hope that we can get it. If Fawkner can win the State League title this year then the club certainly will go into the National League."



Scotland international Eamonn Bannon

Eamonn Bannon here next week

Eamonn Bannon, 26, capped six times for Scotland, flies in next Wednesday morning to start a four game stint as a guest player for Fawkner, where he'll link up with brother Ged in midfield.

This will be Eamonn Bannon's second guest game stint in Australia. He first came here in 1978, along with England great Martin Peters, to play for Frankston City.

Bannon's four games for Fawkner will be against Frankston Pines on Saturday, June 16; Box Hill on Sunday, June 24; Doveton on Sunday, July 1 and Polonia on Sunday, July 8.

State League is in recess during the Queen's Birthday weekend of June 9 and 10, so Bannon will be able to fully recover from his flight and will have a few training sessions with his new team mates before he faces Frankston Pines.

Bannon, from Scottish Premier League club Dundee United, also has played with Hearts and Chelsea. His transfer to Chelsea in 1977 was for \$500,000. He joined Dundee United in 1979 for \$330,000 and in 1980 played in the Dundee United side that won the Scottish League Cup, the club's first major honor in Scottish football.

Dundee United has been Scottish league champion just once, in the 1982-83 season. It clinched the title in its last match against Dundee and it was Bannon's penalty that gave United a 2-1 win.

Bannon also played in the Dundee United side which went down 3-2 on aggregate to Italian giant AS Roma recently in a semi-final of the European Cup.

Socceroo snub still makes Cozzella fume

Bruno Cozzella was going to quit soccer late last year. Until he heard that Gus Macleod had been appointed to coach Fawkner this season.

"When I heard that Gus was the coach, it really gave me a new lease of life. My appetite for the game returned and everything's been going great ever since," said the 20-year-old striker.

But Cozzella has an old wound incurred just before the 1981 World Youth Cup finals in Australia, a wound which is taking a long time to heal.

"What does it take to get a national team game? I'll never forget what happened to me back then; in fact I'm pleased to be doing this interview because it's a really sore point with me.

"I'd been scoring for J.U.S.T. in the National League and youth team coach Les Scheinflug called me up for a training camp in Sydney. There was only a handful of players in that squad with NSL experience and when we played Sydney City's youth team we thumped them about 6-1. I scored twice, and I thought that I had done well.

"All the papers were talking about me playing in the youth team but two weeks later, when Scheinflug announced his final squad, I wasn't selected. I was absolutely shattered. I

lost interest in soccer, that's how hard I took it. God knows what you have to do to get picked in these sides."

Cozzella's career started with the juniors at Altona City. He made his senior debut for Altona, then in State League, when he was only 14.

He joined J.U.S.T. in 1979, scoring 11 goals in 10 games with the club's Second Division side. Cozzella made his NSL debut against Brisbane Lions in 1980 and scored in that 1-1 draw.

He was J.U.S.T.'s leading scorer in 1981 and 1982 but things didn't work out when Bobby McLachlan took over as coach in 1983.

"McLachlan gave me the feeling that he didn't want me. He didn't even give me one serious trial game. Oh, everything was fine at training but when it came to the crunch, I never got picked for the matches. I was at a really vital stage of my career and there was no way that I was going to play in J.U.S.T.'s Second Division side. I wouldn't develop there.

"I sacrificed my signing-on fee at J.U.S.T. to join Fawkner last year. I think Fawkner paid a transfer fee of only \$1000 for me.

"But it was very depressing for me at Fawkner last year. I can't elaborate too much. Let's just say that things didn't work out. I told the club late last

year that I was quitting soccer. They told me to reconsider, and when Gus was made coach I was absolutely delighted. I had met him at J.U.S.T. and he's a top guy.

"And as soon as I played under him, the will to run came back.

"Gus is honest and fair. He'll give you recognition if you deserve it. Players really like that."

And what of Fawkner's chances of success this year?

"Everyone at the club thinks that we can win something in 1984. If we win the league and go into the NSL I'll be thrilled because I want to have another crack at that standard."



Fawkner striker Bruno Cozzella.



Bruno Cozzella (right) takes a tumble against Western Suburbs.

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No fire in the Demons

Man of the match!
PAUL KAY
(SC-Hakoah)

SC-Hakoah 3 Blacktown 0

Venue: St George Stadium.
Scorers: Bottolico 71st, Murray pen 75th, Fletcher 90th.

Cautions: Rodrigues (H), Hoare (B).
Referee: Rennie B.

The main topic of conversation at full-time of this NSL Cup pipe-opener was not Sydney City Hakoah's win, or the margin of their triumph.

Rather, it was the woeful display of a Blacktown squad faced with a shadow of what Hakoah's line up would normally be.

Not only were Socceros Watson, O'Connor, Robertson, Pezzano, Kosmina and Cant sidelined by national team duty, but even Murray Barnes — himself a former Socceros skipper — had to be content with the role of spectator due to injury.

Alex Bottolico, replacement for Grant Lee, broke the deadlock with a piledriver from 11 metres that gave Hoare no chance to save.

Four minutes later Willie Murray, greatly improved after a rather lacklustre first half, strode away on a long run, and easily rounded keeper Hoare, who only managed to stop the winger by fouling him.

This earned Hoare a yellow card from referee Rennie, prior to Murray calmly slotting the ball into his net from the penalty spot.

The icing on the cake came seconds from full-time, when Paul Kay stormed about 40 metres through Blacktown's midfield and defence and shot calmly wide of the diving Hoare, only to see the ball rebound off the left upright.

Much to the Demons' chagrin, however, Graham Fletcher was there, standing all alone, to collect and score.

— **PETER SCOTT**

Big night for Karic

Man of the Match:
EDDIE CAMPBELL
(Bruns. Juventus)

J.U.S.T. 1 B. Juventus 0

Scorer: Karic 83rd.
Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: about 1,500 (double header).

Referee: Jim Fearn 7.

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Brothers Ross (right) and Don MacLaren teamed up for Sunshine-George Cross in its 1-1 draw with SM-Hellas in the National Cup last week. Ross is here as a guest player. He's the captain of English club Shrewsbury Town. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Tom Karic probably will remember this match all his life. The Footscray J.U.S.T. defender, making his first senior appearance this season after a long injury lay-off, and playing in midfield, headed in a great Kenny Taylor free kick from the left in the 83rd minute and that was the ball game.

Karic was unmarked at the far post when he scored the only goal of the game, a terrible indictment of the lack of defensive organisation of Brunswick Juventus, albeit that that only was the second major lapse from the black and whites in the entire match.

In fact, Juventus created far more chances. Or, to put it another way, J.U.S.T. goalie Dennis Boland was far more involved than his counterpart George Martin.

— **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

Markovac a hero

Man of the match:
IAN DOBSON
(Makedonia)

Croatia 2 Makedonia 1

Scorers: 1-0 Parton 18th, 1-1 Odrakov 60th, 2-1 Markovac 77th.
Venue: Olympic Park, Wednesday night.
Cautions: McMillan (Mak), Cumming (Cr), Hays (Mak), Parton (Cr), Biskic (Cr).

Referee: Sam Zoumas 6.

Croatia played most of the soccer; Makedonia belted the ball up the field aimlessly, with the midfielders watching the ball sailing to and fro over their heads.

It was thanks mainly to defender Ian Dobson that Croatia didn't win by a bigger margin. But Robert Markovac deserves just as much praise. Only 16 years old, he replaced injured Jiff Faulkner after half an hour, and coach Tommy Cumming moved himself to the midfield, to allow Markovac to partner David Brogan up front, even though Cumming had been playing extremely well in attack.

Markovac gave it all he had, and eventually had the honor of scoring the winning goal, in

the 77th minute. Goalkeeper Steve Potter was unable to hold a long shot from Cumming, and there was Markovac to belt it in from almost on the goal line.

Croatia took the lead in the 18th minute when Shaun Parton headed in a corner from Biskic. Parton seems to score like that in every night match!

Coach Peter Ollerton switched defender Robbie Dunn to attack in the second half, without success, but it was Zarko Odrakov, finally able to get the ball on the ground, who levelled the score by brilliantly sidestepping two opponents inside the area, and placing a low shot past Peter Blaszy.

Then came that goal by Markovac and Croatia had won — deservedly so.

— **Laurie Schwab**

Promising Fulton

Man of the Match:
FRANK PINBLETT
(Bris. City)

Bris. City 1 Bris. Lions 1

Scorers: 1-0 Parton 18th, 1-1 Odrakov 60th, 2-1 Markovac 77th.
Venue: Olympic Park, Wednesday night.
Cautions: Hunter 23rd, R. Stewart 25th.

Referee: Gordon Nicholson 8.

Brisbane Lions failed to capitalise on a second minute goal from former young Socceros Russell Stewart and battled out a 1-1 draw with Brisbane City in their opening National Cup match at Perry Park last week.

Stewart scored direct from a free-kick nearly 20 metres out on the right. He saw the near post had been left unmarked and cracked a blistering shot with the outside of his foot.

City keeper Kim Wishart scrambled to cover the shot but the spinning ball ricocheted off his body into the goal.

Lions dominated for about the next 10 minutes but then City slowly grafted its way back into the match.

With midfielder Frank Pinblett in fine form, City had much of the play and it seemed only a matter of time before it equalised. The goal finally came in the 39th minute from a Gary Bromfield free-kick.

The winger-turned-fullback curled the kick to the far post where Mike Milovanovic headed back for Bobby Hamilton to scramble in from close range.

— **Ricky Rosso**

Kids steal the show

Man of the Match:
PEPE ABRAAM
(SM-Hellas)

SM-Hellas 1 S. Geo. Cross 1

Scorers: Latif 57th (SGC), Karantonis 88th (SMH).
Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: about 1,500 (double header).

Referee: Venios 6.

Sunshine-George Cross, fresh from its stunning 3-0 league win over Brunswick Juventus, came back to earth with a bang as a bunch of South Melbourne Hellas youngsters showed their more experienced opponents the meaning of commitment and non-stop running.

Sunshine-George Cross was at full strength. In fact, there weren't even spots on the bench for Mick Goran and Norrie Patel.

And 'Cross featured Shrewsbury Town captain Ross MacLaren in midfield, an imposing figure alongside the Hellas teenagers.

Hellas was decimated by national team commitments and injuries but as the match unfolded, Hellas kids such as Pepe Abraam, Peter Vardakis, Nick Karantonis and Con Kikios stole the show. Add Jim Pasakos to that list, even though he didn't come on until the 32nd minute when the injured John Kanesoulis no longer could soldier on.

The longer the second half went, the more Sunshine-George Cross defender John Campbell had trouble coping with Pepe Abraam's pace and the overlapping Hellas left back Peter Vardakis.

Vardakis was very unlucky not to open the scoring in the first half when he curled in the free kick to the near post. Sunshine-George Cross goalie Tom Costello watched helplessly as the ball clipped the crossbar and went over.

The goal that all Sunshine-George Cross fans had waited patiently for came in the 57th minute.

Sunshine-George Cross's best striker, Bobby Toal, set it up for Ossi Latif. Toal skinned an opponent out wide on the left then crossed to Latif just inside the Hellas area. Latif brought the ball down, turned, then struck it into the far corner.

The expected never eventuated. Instead of giving up, the Hellas kids fought even harder.

And let's not forget the displays of the three Hellas regulars — Bobby Russell as stopper, Chris Kalfitatis as sweeper, and Halford in midfield.

Just when it seemed that Sunshine-George Cross would hang on, Karantonis struck. In the 88th minute he played the ball wide to Halford on the right. Halford played a great ball in to the near post and Karantonis's glancing header beat Costello all ends up.

— **Craig Mackenzie**

Petersen injured

Man of the Match:
PAUL WADE
(Green Gully)

Heidelberg 2 Green Gully 1

Scorers: 1-0 Tzintzis 30th, 2-0 Winn 40th, 2-1 Wade 77th.

Venue: Olympic Park, Wednesday.
Referee: Jim Fokianos 7.

Heidelberg-Alexander became subdued after

NSL ALL-STARS

The all-star National League eleven, for the 12 rounds before the break in the competition, according to votes gained in the Boral Bricks best player award:

31. Steve JACKSON (Brisb. Lions)	31. Jim O'REILLY (Geo. Cross)	31. Charlie YANKOS (H'berg Alex)	29. George McMILLAN (Makedonia)
33. Ian WOTHERSPOON (Penrith)	31. Paul WADE (Green Gully)	31. Peter TREDINNICK (APIA)	
31. Frank FARINA (Canberra)	35. John KOSMINA (SC-Hakoah)	46. John BRADLEY (APIA)	
40. Tony FRANKEN (Canberra)			

going to a 2-0 lead, and had to withstand a spirited fightback by Green Gully, which then had most of the possession.

And Heidelberg, although winning the game, suffered a major setback when its brilliant midfielder Mike Petersen was carried off on a stretcher with a badly injured ankle during the second half.

The effectiveness of the markers was evident in the fact that their opponents' scoring chances were limited to a header by McGuinness, saved one-handed by Spiros Kardamitsis.

Green Gully's main drive came from David Hogben, overlapping from right back, Stuart Cannell surging forward through the middle, and the hard-working Paul Wade.

Fittingly, it was Wade who scored Green Gully's goal, and also came close as few other times.

Mike Valentine and Winn came close to scoring before Tzintzis headed home the first goal, from a cross by Scott Patterson who had been given an inspired pass by Petersen.

Lou Denys made a reflex save from Winn, but fumbled the ball a few minutes later, giving Heidelberg a 2-0 lead. Winn went up to head the ball, it grazed off a defender, Denys was unable to hold it, and Green Gully also failed in an attempted clearance off the line.

After Steve McClelland had repaid Fabio Mancinelli, and Marcelo Salvo had come on for Petersen, Green Gully launched a series of sustained attacks, leading to a goal headed by Wade, from a ross by Jim Williams.

— **Laurie Schwab**

Patterson strikes

Man of the Match:
DON MACLEOD
(Heidelberg)

Heidelberg 2 Makedonia 0

Scorers: Patterson 30th, 72 int - is 35th.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Cautions: McMillan (Mak), Winn (H).

Makedonia coach Peter Ollerton was forced to bring in a number of youth league players due to injuries to first team regulars Steve Potter, Ian Dobson and George Campbell and the absence of

Gary Cole and Con Opasins who were on international duty.

In the 30th minute Heidelberg striker Scott Patterson intercepted a bad pass back by Lube Petrovski but he only succeeded in driving the ball against the diving body of keeper Traianidis but luckily for Patterson the ball rebounded back into his path and this time he made no mistake.

Five minutes later Heidelberg scored again — the result of another misdirected pass. The culprit this time was George McMillan and again it was Patterson who reaped the rewards. The big striker went on a merry run which saw him evade a number of half-hearted tackles. Then, just as he was about to shoot from an acute angle, he unselfishly cut the ball back into the path of fellow striker Paul Tzintzis who slammed home a well taken goal.

This stunning Makedonia into action and from a free kick on the left taken by Zarko Odrakov, big Robbie Dunn soared high into the air to execute a bullet-like header but to his dismay and the groans of the Makedonia fans the ball struck the upright.

The second half was a ding-dong affair with Makedonia really coming into the game and at times Heidelberg defending desperately.

— **BOBBY MCLACHLAN**

Saints try but lose

Man of the Match:
ARNO BERTOGNA
(APIA)

St. George 0 APIA 2

Scorers: De Ceglie 21st, Morsello 56th.
Venue: St George Stadium.
Cautions: Papas (StG).
Referee: G. Power 7.

APIA's victory was never in doubt but the real question was — could the St George "kids" keep the score respectable?

This they did and what a creditable performance it was considering that the whole defence, bar Andrew Kocza, was drafted 'en masse' from the Youth team.

When the Maroons weren't

hitting the posts or crossbar, Young was there to deny them with many brave and timely interceptions. At the other end Bobby Parkes also was in great form, pulling off some stylish saves, in particular two sizzling shots by Kocza and Polias late in the game.

APIA went ahead when Vic Bozanic, overlapping on the right, beat the offside trap, squared a pass across hard and low and De Ceglie stole in to poke the ball into the net.

The second goal came in the 56th minute from a corner kick. Arno Bertogna's strong but fair challenge on Young prevented the young goalkeeper from grasping the ball cleanly and Morsello couldn't miss this time.

— **MIKE MIKOLAJCZYK**

Johnston stuns 'em

Man of the Match:
RAY FARRUGIA
(Melita Eagles)

Mel Eagles 1 Syd Olympic 0

Scorer: Johnston 37.
Venue: Melita Stadium.
Referee: Peter Ramplay 8.

John Davies and Don Allan were tireless in their efforts to penetrate a defence which quickly drew on re-inforcements as Olympic hard to pass.

Little was seen of the Olympic attack for the rest of the game and Melita made the defence work overtime, putting Gary Meier under a lot of pressure.

Ray Farrugia was very busy indeed in this game and the whole Melita team appeared to be enjoying itself and worked well together.

It was not long after this, in the 37th minutes, that the Eagles hit the front. Expecting a cross, Olympic defenders stood in as Stuart Johnston, out on the right, switched the ball to his left foot and unleashed a blistering 30-metre shot into the roof of the net, stunning everyone including Meier who dived in vain.

The Eagles were able to fall back on their one-goal lead through Farrugia and Johnston continued to probe deep into Olympic's defences.

A couple of Melita players suffered injuries which could be put down to the rigours of playing two games in three

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By PAUL MOON

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F.A. Cup final. English born, he qualified for the Fire team because his great grandfather was Irish! The club's huge include Preston, North End and Manchester City.

DEREK HODGSON: Moved from Middlesbrough for £100,000 in August, 1982, this strong forward is a fringe member of the Liverpool squad, and is an England under-21 international.

CEAJO JOHNSON: The most famous product of Northern New South Wales soccer, he, like Soumers and Hodgson, joined Liverpool for a big money transfer, following a £1,000,000 transfer in April, 1981. Both press and general public have expressed amazement at Joe Fagan's reluctance to give him a permanent first team place.

RONNIE WHELAN: Like his father, an Fire Inter-

DIVISION TWO	AMATEUR LEAGUE	DIVISION ONE	LADDER
Chadstone 2, 1-1;	Hawthorn 3, 2 6 17 5	Chelton Club 1, 4; Albanian Eagles v East Albans 2-2, Camberwell 0-0 v Keller 1-0; 6-0, Northern United v Dandy Olympic 3-0.	Preston Football 6, 1 0 25 10 2
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1 Philip Road 2, 2-1; West Mowden 8	Melbourne Uni 3, 2 18 10 7		Ayrton v Dandy 3, 2 25 10 10
Norwich 3-0; 5-2; Eagle Utd 2-0; Sals	Belaieve 3, 0 20 15 6		Dandy Olympic 3, 2 25 10 10
Springleve 2, 5-0; Hosa Utd 2-0; Scotch 4,	Ascot St Marks 3, 0 31 15 15		Ramsay Olympic 3, 2 25 10 10
DIVISION THREE	RESERVES		
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	Boulder 7, 1 19 13 17		
	Fernside Gully 7, 2 24 11 16		
	Yarraville 7, 2 26 13 13		
	East Brunswick 6, 3 31 16 15		

Knox City	4	2	14	19	10	Berona	9	1	28	11	9	Cabot	1	1	2	15	Kailor (ex-D.C. Cougus Stars vs Dandy	<p>BRUCE GROEBELAR: Eccentric, South African born, Zimbabwean international goalkeeper, who joined Liverpool from Canada's Vancouver Whitecaps for \$500,000 in March, 1981. Was thought of as the team's Achilles' heel, but has steadied down considerably in the past year.</p> <p>PHIL NELA: Former manager Bob Paisley's first signing, October 1974 (\$120,000) from Northampton Albion. Has participated in all of Liverpool's subsequent</p>		
Croydon City	4	2	14	19	9	Bellaheri	9	0	23	8	18	Chesham	1	1	15	7	Olympic 1-3.			
Northwich	4	0	24	18	9	Carlisle	5	1	17	15	7	Chesham	2	2	14	7				
Ringwood City	2	4	14	18	8	Hartlepool	6	3	15	15	11	Wrexham	1	2	3	8	5			
Albion Rovers	2	4	0	14	8	Canterbury	6	3	15	15	14	Dunfermline	2	0	4	11	19		4	
Devon	1	3	6	18	14	West Brunswick	3	3	17	12	13	Meadow Park	4	0	4	21	4			
St Albans	1	3	6	18	5	West Geelong	3	6	20	16	12	Melbourne United	4	0	8	13	4			
Broadmeads	4	0	8	20	4	Central City	4	4	18	17	10	Nth Melbourne	1	0	5	7	21		2	
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Tatabanya	12	8	38	36 33	

This Saturday, the NSW State League sees Yugal and Sutherland doing battle at Fraser Park.

Yugal has drawn with Monaro, beaten Canterbury and only

By ALEX VESIC

It will be interesting to see if Auburn's front line without the

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Fraser Park:

Yugal	4	2	3	18
Sutherland	4	1	4	10-15
Warriagh	2	4	2	11-7
Polonia	1	4	4	8-4
Avoca	1	2	1	10-21
Wu-King-Gai	2	2	6	12-21
Barkstone	2	1	6	10-21

gether a list of all their boys who score hat-tricks, so the certificates can be sent in the one envelope to save time.

We need the following information:

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(Broadmeadows), Paul Twatles, 16 (Karoondale United); Danny Lissajski, 8 (Altona Gate); Paul Burford, four goals; Robbie Sherburn, four goals; Bertrand Arlow, Darren Gatt, Steven Henderson, Kircha Trifunov, four goals; Stuart Burnham, five goals; David Pincheira, Robert Nicewski, Stuart Borghonia, two, 1 Para Hills 0 W Terras 1, W Adelaide 0 Azmeri 1, Adelaide C 1 Salisbury 0.

ment High v CBC High, CBC Regional College or KBC St. Kilda v St. Joseph's College or Selwyn College.

NOTE: These above matches should be played this week.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Division One: Woodville 5 P. Adelaide 1, Central 0 Elizabeth B. Pelican 0 Camberley 2, Para Hills 0 W Terras 1, W Adelaide 0 Azmeri 1, Adelaide C 1 Salisbury 0.

League champions Bevern Hampered

Uruguay as the main attractions. The winner of the Auburn-Canterbury match will remain in the top four and the loser will fall closer to the bottom six.

Canterbury has a fine side but too moody for my liking. In

disciplined side which aims for the top and knows how to get there.

Much will depend on Manly's ability to subdue the speed of Tony Brennan and the shooting power of Walter Valeri.

TOP SCORES
Brown (RI), Holloway (MW)
7 - Valeri (M)
6 - O'Shane (Aub)
5 - Monteroso, Willos (IM), Laak (MW), Sobczyk (P)
4 - Giampolo, Colbattoir (IM), Jones (RI), Sandtner (W)

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Polonia and Fawkner to bounce back



Polonia and Fawkner can bounce back from last weekend's poor results and account for Doveton and Broadmeadows respectively on Saturday.

Polonia clashes with the Doves at Raleigh Reserve and will be hoping that leading State League scorer Janusz Przybyla can recover from a calf injury in time. Przybyla missed last weekend's 1-4 loss to Box Hill.

Doveton has got three points

Buffalo State League ladder

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAWKNER.....	7	2	1	27	16	16
PLONIA.....	6	3	1	23	10	15
BOX HILL.....	6	3	1	18	10	15
MORWELL FALCONS.....	5	4	1	17	6	14
Western Suburbs.....	6	1	3	26	22	13
Frankston Pines.....	4	2	4	12	14	10
Knox City.....	4	2	4	14	19	10
Croydon.....	4	1	5	10	14	9
Northcote.....	4	0	6	20	18	8
R. Wilhelmina.....	2	4	4	14	18	8
Albion Rovers.....	2	4	4	8	14	8
Doveton.....	1	3	6	14	5	5
St. Albans.....	1	3	6	18	5	5
Broadmeadows.....	2	0	8	20	4	4

BROADMEADOWS 0 ST. ALBANS DINAMO 3 (Dovic 14th, Culina 51st, Mecanovic 65th) at Laura Douglas Reserve, Saturday.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace 7 — Smart 6, Donaldson 5, Sendra 4, Acosta 3 — Watson (sent off 5th), Daniels 8, Stoikos 5 (in). Simitizis 80th — Liberto 4 (Campbell 60th), Blair 8, Vaccaro 4. Coach: Dave O'Connor.

ST. ALBANS DINAMO: Larcok 7 — Kuzman 8, Bozic 8, Radman (in), Mecanovic 30th, 71, Morovic 7 — Noble 7, Brkicic (sent off 5th), Culina 8 — Dovic 7, Bruno 7, Batonic 8. Coach: Pero Kasilo.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Culina (St. A), 2. Blair (Broad), 1. Batonic (St. A).

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Bouzas 87th) FAWKNER 1 (Palmaricciotti 82nd) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 7 — Stevens 6 (in), Robertson H.T. 61, Gilmour 8, D'Sylva 8, Douglas 6 — Purcell 9, Reilly 8, Bennett 7 — Rodriguez 7 (Alfonso 83rd), Bouzas 8, Spiteri 8. Coach: Billy McIntyre.

FAWKNER: Terzini 5 — McKinley 8, Giacomi 8 (in), Palmariotti 70th, Macleod 7, Hobson 8 — Palinkas 5 (Garvey 75th), Boyle 8, Angelle 8 — Cozzella 6, Tuffield 5, Lia 5. Coach: Gus Macleod.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Purcell (Albion), 2. McKinley (Fawk), 1. Gilmour (Albion).

FRANKSTON PINES 2 (McGinnigle 40th, Thomas penalty 60th) KNOX CITY 3 (Lesbirel 6th, Wild 65th, House 80th) at Monterey Boulevard, Saturday.

FRANKSTON PINES: Stuchbury 5 — Wilson 6, Thurlow 6, Cummings 6, Beech 6 — Ross 5 (Cooke 80th), Cullen 6, Miller 6 — McGinnigle 7, Livingstone 7 (in), Luca 65th, Thomas 8. Coach: Danny McMilline.

KNOX CITY: McKur 6 — Dovic 5, Bissinger 6, Bryden 8, Roddis 5 — Smith 6, Lesbirel 6, Wild 6 — Kojic 6, House 8, Masters 6. Coach: Eric Lesbirel.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Lesbirel (Knox), 2. Bryden (Knox), 1. Thomas (Pines).

BOX HILL 4 (Smith 6th, 9th, 28th, 46th) POLONIA 1 (Mitten penalty 18th) at Wembley Park, Saturday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 6 — 1. Roadhouse 7, Brooks 8, Brownlie 7, A. White 9, Hughes 7, Hughes 7 (Adams 6th), Miller 6, Lennon 6, Keenan 9 (Priestley 73rd) — Smith 9, Verechia 7. Coach: Bill Murray.

POLONIA: Fryszer 4 — Liplarski 5, McCluskey 5, Smolarek 7 — Gibson 8, Gardiner 7 (Innes 70th), P. Czapiak 5, Gregorczyk 3 — Miron 8, Tront 7. Coach: John Gardiner.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Smith (Box Hill), 2. White (Box Hill), 1. Keenan (Box Hill).

NORTHCOE 2 (Patinotis 25th, 37th) DOVETON 1 (Lennon 70th) at John Cain Reserve, Saturday.

NORTHCOE: Glanopoulos 7 — Wilson 7, Katsakidis 7, Bozakis 7, Wright 8 — Toro 7, Quigley 6, McEwen 7 — Patinotis 8, Di-nosopoulos 6, Constantinou 6. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgolios.

DOVETON: Radov 7 — Watson 7, Gadsby 7, Laletas 7, Fitzpatrick 7 — Buchanan 5 (Ward 70th), J. McDonald 6, Miller 6, Lennon 7 — Stinton 5, Edmondson 5 (Kaiser 56th). Coach: Hammy McMeachan.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Patinotis (North), 2. Fitzpatrick (Dove), 1. Wright (North).

MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Moore 16th, Athersych 50th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 8 — Bingham 7, Higham 8, Brung 7, Train 7 (sent off 85th) — O'Callaghan 7, Moore 8, Macleod 7, Cassar 7 (Clarke 75th) — Athersych 7, Webster 7. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Janssen 6 — Pasman 7, Corke 8, Murray 7 (in), Remmers 80th, Verniers 7 — Shannon 7, Meyer 7 (in), Bakker 50th, Adams 6 — Wells 6, Burton 7, Stewart 7. Coach: Rudi van Alstena.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Higham (Morw), 2. Whiteside (Morw), 1. Corke (Wilhel).

CROYDON CITY 2 (Griffith 10th, 86th) WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Lazopoulos 2nd, Filippis 3rd, Mussel 46th) at Croydon Park, Saturday.

CROYDON CITY: Kastner 7 — Rainey 8, Brewerton 7, Singleton 6 (in), Allen 83rd, Brown 7 — Livingstone 7, Kerr 5, Lucie Salsi 6 (Bates 70th) — Irvine 8, French 5, Griffith 8. Coach: Colin Hasler.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachris 6 — Hamill 8, Dimovski 7, Howe 7, Lekkas 7 — Coyle 6, Kakantonis 6, Mussel 8 — Lazopoulos 8, Stenson 8, Filippis 7. Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year: 3. Lazopoulos (WS), 2. Griffith (Croy), 1. Hamill (WS).

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Leading votegetters:

- 15 — Smith (Box Hill)
- 12 — Bingham (Morw), Stenson (WS)
- 8 — Przybyla (Pol), Burton (RW), Lazopoulos (WS)
- 8 — Przybyla (Pol)
- 7 — Fitzpatrick (Dove), Tuffield (Fawk)

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- 13 — Przybyla (Pol)
- 13 — Coyle (WS)
- 8 — Smith (Box Hill), Tuffield (Fawk), Lazopoulos (WS)
- 7 — House (Knox)
- 6 — Moore (Morw), Cozzella (Fawk), Watson (Broad)

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Lee Reserve on Saturday against Knox City.

After the Hillmen's stunning success last weekend, they're now going to find that every State League opponent will be really geared up each time they face them. We'll see in coming weeks, whether or not last Sunday's win was just a flash in the pan.

Western Suburbs, with Bill Lazopoulos and Ged Stenson leading the front line, should be able to break down Albion Rovers at Raleigh Reserve on Saturday. Albion's central defensive combination of Stuart Gilmour and Micky D'Sylva did well against Fawkner last weekend and they'll have to repeat that effort to keep Suburbs at bay.

What's the problem at Croydon? Players of the calibre of Steve Irvine, Graham French, Alan Kerr, Alex Livingstone, Micky Rainey and Mark Brown should be able to get better results than just one point from their last three games.

Croydon's worries won't end with the Jubilee Park on Saturday in its local derby with home side Ringwood Wilhelmina.

Morwell Falcons should defeat Northcote at North

Crinigan Reserve on Saturday. Northcote's new coach Jimmy Pyrgolios, the former South Melbourne Hellas star midfielder, got off to a flying start last weekend against Doveton but here his side squares up to a Falcons outfit boasting a class midfield and a solid backline.

St Albans Dinamo recorded its first league win this season when it sent Broadmeadows tumbling to the foot of the State League ladder last weekend and on Saturday it can get a point at Churchill Reserve against Frankston Pines.

SATURDAY
Knox City v BOX HILL at Egan Lee Reserve, 3pm.
MORWELL FALCONS v Northcote at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.

St Albans Dinamo v Frankston Pines (draw) at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.

POLONIA v Doveton at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

FAWKNER v Broadmeadows at Smith Reserve, 3pm.

WESTERN SUBURBS v Albion Rovers at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

Ringwood Wilhelmina v Croydon (draw) at Jubilee Park, 3pm.



New Northcote City coach Jimmy Pyrgolios, seen in action during his hey-day as a midfielder with South Melbourne Hellas.

CHANGES GALORE!

By JOHN WALLACE

Croydon 2 W. Suburbs 3

Scorers: Griffith 10th, 86th (Croy); Lazopoulos 2nd, Filippis 3rd, Mussel 46th (WS).

Venue: Croydon Park.

Croydon City showing a new determination, still could not quite match a wiser and slicker Western Suburbs.

The Croydon fans had the happy sight of their favourites

fighting back from a two goal deficit to nearly earn a share of the points. If Croydon had a hanger from the Fawkner episode the previous week it certainly wasn't evident.

Three goals in 10 minutes had supporters from both sides yelling with delight.

Bill Lazopoulos and Alex Filippis caught Croydon's defence with their pants down, knocking in two goals in five

minutes that must have had City coach Colin Hasler searching for valium.

However City rolled up their sleeves and won a corner from a Graham French header.

Alex Livingstone's tantalising corner kick was expertly headed home by Dave Griffith to put City back in the game.

Play raged from end to end with Alan Kerr missing a sitter and Bill Lazopoulos fail-

ing to control a bouncer in front of Lou Kastner.

Ref Jim Dale blew his whistle for resumption of play in the second half and in five smart moves Western Suburbs notched up their third goal when Frank Mussel, skipping over Mike Rainey's outstretched legs, drove the ball into the far corner of the net.

Croydon pulled out all stops and only great defending by Bill Hamill prevented Steve Irvine, Alex Livingstone and French from scoring each

time a Western Suburbs defender arrived to toe off the line.

Pressure from Croydon finally paid dividends, with Suburbs' defence desperately trying to clear, Griffith headed high into the air and the ball dropped neatly into the net.

This was an exciting game with many thrills and spills and innesmen Jimmy Hogg and Greg Penzino had their hands full containing two highly strung coaches.

Box Hill 4 Polonia 1

Scorers: Smith 6th, 9th, 28th, 46th (BH); Mitten penalty 18th (P).

Venue: Wembley Park.

Four goals from striker Steve Smith and a highly motivated and committed Box Hill were the features of Saturday's big clash at Wembley Park which saw

Polonia comprehensively beaten 4-1.

Both sides use a 4-4-2 formation but here Box Hill's wide midfielders, Darren White and Brian Keen, pushed forward and joined up with Smith and Peter Verechia to effectively stop Polonia playing the ball out from the back. In fact, the talented Steve Milla was caught in possession three times in the first 20 minutes.

Box Hill's ferocious com-

mitment and will to win was shown by the four cautions its players received while no Polonia player was shown the yellow card.

And prior to this clash, Polonia's usually well drilled and disciplined defence hadn't conceded a goal during 360 minutes of State League soccer. My, how that all changed here.

Goals came early for Box Hill and simply served to fuel

the flame burning inside the heart of every Box Hill player. They all knew how vitally important this match was.

Verechia was an excellent foil for Smith. While Verechia was receiving close attention, Smith was banging in the goals.

Milla fouled Verechia in the 6th minute. Polonia goalie

Mike Fryszer, who had a nightmare, was caught at the near post as White's free kick was directed to the far post. Unchallenged, Smith rose well and smacked in a fierce header to make it 1-0.

Three minutes later a bad mistake at the back by Polonia let Smith in again. Dave Gibson was almost 40 metres from his own goal when he attempted a back pass. Under pressure, Danny McCluskey tried to get his head to the ball. He did, but only succeeded in heading the ball past Fryszer and Smith knocked it into the unguarded goal.

Polonia was struggling to get back into the game. But it hit back in the 18th minute when John McKinlay came off his line but failed to gather a long cross from the left by Mirek Smolarek. The ball fell to Noel Mitten whose attempted overhead kick was handled by Donald Brownlie. Mitten converted the resultant penalty to make it 2-1.

But Box Hill's third goal in the 28th minute killed off Polonia. Good work by Keenan on the right set up overlapping Ian Roadhouse. Milla came across to confront the Box Hill right back but slipped slightly, allowing Roadhouse to get to the backline and cross. Fryszer got a touch to the ball but White knocked it back across goal. Again Fryszer got to the ball but failed to hold it and Smith easily finished from close range.

Keenan shot just wide of the far post in the 38th minute after a fine one-two with White but Smith completed the scoreline in the 46th minute.

A mix-up in the Polonia defence following a long throw-in allowed Smith to run in and hammer a first time shot into the roof of the Polonia net.



Box Hill striker Peter Verechia has every reason to smile after his side hammered Polonia 4-1 at Wembley Park last Saturday.

Metro Division One

ALTONA CITY 2 (D. Beattie 20', G. Dorwood 25') NUNAWADING CITY 2 (P. McCarthy 21', 35') at Kim Reserve on Saturday.

ALTONA CITY: R. Reber, J. Leonard, D. Wilson, H. Lyness, R. Grunsbergen, P. Scarlett, G. Dorwood, R. Piazzi, D. Beattie, B. Condo, R. Hazda (A. Thompson 61).

NUNAWADING CITY: R. Madjar, J. Groenwald, R. West, S. Furszer, S. Deane, S. Nellies, M. Bakker, S. Sullivan, W. Groenwald, N. Van Egmond, P. McCarthy.

This was one of the most exciting matches of the season. Both sides played attacking soccer and the game flowed from end to end.

Although the four goals were scored in a 15 minute spell midway through the first half, chances came and went for the entire 90 minutes.

In the 14th minute Sullivan, playing his first senior game, broke the outside trap only to hit the side netting with his shot. Six minutes later Altona took the lead when Leonard made a strong run down the right side. His cross was not

cleared and Beattie had the simple job of netting from six metres.

The lead lasted one minute. Sullivan robbed Wilson and put over a long cross that McCarthy headed firmly past Reber.

Within four minutes Altona was back in the lead when a crossfield ball found Thompson on the right and his cross was driven home by Dorwood.

Van Egmond went close before McCarthy, in only his second game, scored his second in the 35th minute. Nellies showed great determination in midfield to beat off two or three challenges before releasing a through ball to McCarthy who rounded Reber and scored.

It would be impossible to document all of the chances created in the second half. Both Reber and Madjar were forced into action many times.

Even in the last minute both sides had chances to snatch the winner but the goalkeepers ensured that the points were shared.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Sunday: Sunbury v Thomastown (draw); Bell Park v SPRINGVALE CITY; Altona City v NUNAWADING CITY; DONCASTER ROVERS v Wertheim; Kew v NTH DANERONG; ALTONA CITY v Richmond; MELBOURNE v Maribou.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: 5TH MELB MORRILLAGE v Keller; Northcote v SAUNDERSVILLE; Bendigo City v WAVELEY CITY; CAULFIELD CITY v Ringwood United; ELTHAM v South Dalhousie; COBURG v Pakenham; Heidelberg Bulldogs v MCKINNON.

DIVISION THREE

Sunday: Port Melbourne v Bulleen; HAMLYN RANGERS v Moorabbin; PRANRAN CITY v Moorabbin City; ROYAL RICHMOND; Karingal; Arden v DEERING; Brighton v ESSEN; DON CITY; YALLOURN v Caris.

DIVISION FOUR

Sunday: LAURIE UNITED v Kaysborough; HOLLAND PARK v Yarraville; East Brunswick v Springvale United (draw); BORDEN v Rostbush; CLIFTON HILL v Rossmore; GLENBOROUGH v Langmead; Hawthorn v FENTREE CULLY.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

West v MALVERN CITY; BORDINA v Shepparton City; BORDINA v Shepparton City; BALLARA v Monash Unit; CLARINDA v Carthage; CHESEA v Malton; CLAYTON v Central City; HAWKSDOWN v West Brunswick.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: United of Melbourne v VEELENG UNITED; NUNAWADING United v SOUTH YARRA; Albionville v SOUTH DANERONG; BERWICK CITY v Regent; CULLENHAM v Altona United; Cuckoo v PASCOE VALE; FRIENDS CITY v Kyneton.

DIVISION THREE

Sunday: Port United v NORTH SUNSHINE; DALLAS CITY v West Melbourne; MOSSES v Seaford; DINGLEY v Diamond Valley; CLARINDA RANGERS v Burnwood United; HAWTHORN WARRIORS v Burnwood United; LYNBURY UNITED v WEST CHAM.

DIVISION FOUR

SOUTH PARKMOORE v Epping Thistle; ASCOT VALE CITY v Parkmore; BARNUM UNITED v MUL GRAVE; WESTALL v Moorabbin; East Carlton v ST NICKA.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Sunday: CHADSTONE v Sandhurst; DOREAVOUR HILLS v Balaire City; LATROBE UNIT v Balclutha; MACCARI v Ascutt St Marks; MEADOW PARK v North Melbourne; MELBOURNE UNIT v Waverley United.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: Old Scotch College v Northern Suburbs; SOUTH SPRINGVALE v Kew United; PHILLIP INSTITUTE v Concorde; RMIT v West United; VERMONT v West Meadows.

DIVISION THREE

Sunday: COLLINGWOOD v Collingwood City; EAST RICHMOND v Centric; LAURIE v Ringwood Rovers; LAURIE CITY v Yarra United.

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Final U.K. standings

British soccer honors for the 1983-84 season:

English Division One Champions: Liverpool. Runners-up: Southampton. Relegated: Birmingham, Notts County and Wolverhampton.

English Division Two Champions: Chelsea. Also promoted: Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle. Relegated: Derby, Swansea and Cambridge.

English Division Three Champions: Oxford. Also promoted: Wrexham and Sheffield United. Relegated: Scunthorpe, Southend, Port Vale and Exeter.

English Division Four Champions: York. Also promoted: Doncaster, Reading and Bristol City. Clubs seeking re-election: Rochdale, Hartlepool, Chester and Wrexham or Halifax.

English Football Association (FA) Cup Winners: Runners-up: Watford.

English Football League Cup Winners: Liverpool. Runners-up: Everton.

Scottish Premier Division Champions: Aberdeen. Runners-up: Celtic. Relegated: St Johnstone and Motherwell.

Scottish Division One Champions: Morton. Runners-up: Dumbarton. Relegated: Raith and Alloa.

Scottish Division Two Champions: Forfar. Runners-up: East Fife.

Scottish Football Association (FA) Cup Winners: Aberdeen. Runners-up: Celtic.

Scottish Football League Cup Winners: Rangers. Runners-up: Celtic.

Final English and Scottish League tables of the 1983-84 seasons:

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Liverpool	42	22	14	6	73	32	80
Southern	42	22	11	9	66	38	77
Nat. Forest	42	22	8	12	76	45	74
Man. United	42	20	14	8	71	41	74
Q.P. Rangers	42	22	7	13	67	37	73
Arsenal	42	18	9	15	74	60	63
Everton	42	16	14	12	44	42	62
Tottenham	42	17	10	15	64	65	61
West Ham	42	17	9	16	60	55	60
Aston Villa	42	17	9	16	59	61	60
Watford	42	16	9	17	68	77	57
Ipswich	42	15	8	19	55	57	53
Sunderland	42	13	13	16	42	53	52
Norwich	42	12	15	15	48	49	51
Leicester	42	12	12	17	65	68	51
Leeds	42	14	9	19	53	66	51
W. Bromwich	42	14	9	19	48	62	51
Stoke	42	13	11	18	44	63	50
Coventry	42	13	11	18	57	77	50
Birmingham	42	12	12	18	39	50	48
Notts County	42	10	11	21	50	72	41
Wolverhampton	42	6	11	25	27	80	29

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Chelsea	42	25	13	4	90	40	88
Sheff Wed	42	25	10	6	72	34	88
Newcastle	42	24	8	10	85	53	80
Man. City	42	20	10	12	66	48	70
Grimsby	42	19	13	10	60	47	70
Blackburn	42	17	16	9	57	46	67
Cardiff	42	16	16	10	48	41	64
Shrewsbury	42	17	10	15	49	53	61
Brighton	42	17	9	16	69	60	60
Leeds	42	16	12	14	55	56	60
Fulham	42	15	12	15	60	53	57
Huddersfield	42	14	15	13	56	49	57
Charlton	42	16	9	17	53	64	57
Barnsley	42	15	7	20	57	53	52
Cardiff	42	15	6	21	53	66	51
Portsmouth	42	14	7	21	73	64	49
Middlesbrough	42	12	13	17	41	47	49
Cryt Palace	42	12	11	19	42	52	47
Oldham	42	13	8	21	47	73	47
Derby	42	11	9	22	36	72	42
Swansea	42	7	8	27	36	85	29
Cambridge	42	4	12	26	28	77	24

THIRD DIVISION

Oxford	46	28	11	7	91	50	95
Wimbledon	46	26	9	11	97	76	87
Sheff United	46	24	11	11	86	53	83
Hull	46	23	14	9	71	38	83
Walsall	46	22	9	15	68	61	75
Bradford	46	20	11	15	73	65	71
Gillingham	46	20	10	16	74	69	70
Millwall	46	18	13	15	71	65	67

Bolton	46	18	10	18	56	60	64
Orient	46	18	9	19	71	81	63
Burnley	46	16	14	16	76	61	62
Newport	46	16	14	16	58	75	62
Lincoln	46	17	10	19	59	62	61
Wigan	46	16	13	17	46	56	61
Preston	46	15	11	20	66	66	66
Bournemouth	46	16	7	23	63	73	55
Rotherham	46	15	9	22	57	64	54
Plymouth	46	13	12	21	56	62	51
Brentford	46	11	16	19	60	79	49
Scunthorpe	46	9	19	18	54	73	48
Southend	46	10	14	22	55	76	44
Port Vale	46	11	10	25	61	83	43
Exeter	46	6	15	25	50	84	33

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Bris Rovers	46	22	13	11	68	54	79
Aberdeen	36	25	7	4	78	21	57
Celtic	36	21	8	7	80	41	50
Dundee Unit	36	18	11	7	67	39	47
Rangers	36	15	12	9	63	41	42
Hearts	36	10	16	10	38	47	36
St Mirren	36	9	14	13	55	59	32
Hibernian	36	12	7	17	45	55	31
Dundee	36	11	5	20	50	74	27
St Johnstone	36	10	3	23	36	81	23
Motherwell	36	4	7	25	31	75	15

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Morton	39	21	12	6	75	46	54
Dumbarton	39	20	11	8	66	44	51
Partick	39	19	8	12	67	50	46
Clydebank	39	16	13	10	62	50	45
Brechin	39	14	14	11	56	58	42
Kilmarnock	39	16	6	17	57	53	38
Falkirk	39	16	6	17	46	54	38
Clyde	39	12	13	14	53	50	37
Hamilton	39	11	14	14	43	46	36
Airdrieonians	39	13	10	16	46	53	36
Meadowbank	39	12	10	17	49	69	34
Ayr	39	10	12	17	56	70	32
Raith	39	10	11	18	53	62	31
Alloa	39	8	10	21	41	64	26

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Forfar	39	27	9	3	73	31	63
East Fife	39	20	7	12	57	42	47
Berwick	39	18	11	12	60	38	43
Stirling	39	14	14	11	51	42	42
Arbroath	39	16	6	15	51	46	42
Queen of St.	39	16	10	13	51	46	42
Stirling Albion	39	14	14	11	47	57	39
Stranraer	39	13	12	14	47	47	38
Dunfermline	39	13	10	16	44	45	36
Queens Park	39	14	8	17	58	63	36
East Stirling	39	10	11	18	51	66	31
Montrose	39	12	7	20	36	59	31
Cowdenbeath	39	10	9	20	44	58	29
Albion	39	8	11	20	46	76	27

Kees Storm

Kees Storm, a 31 year old Dutch striker formerly with DeGraafschap and FC Den Bosch, flies in this Friday to start a two year stint with Victorian State League club Ringwood Wilhelmina.

"It took us a lot of time and effort to get him but he's the one we wanted. He's big and strong and he scores goals," said Wilhelmina secretary Hans Lechner.

Storm also has played in Hongkong. He's bound to be the star attraction when Wilhelmina and Croydon clash on Sunday in a big local derby at Jubilee Park.

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Penalty

**Man of
the Match:
MARJAN KOVACIC
(Syd Croatia)**

**Marconi 0
Croatia 1**

Score: Marjan Kovacic
24th.
Crowd: 979
Referee: Richard Lorenz

Shane Clinch raced into the penalty area after 24 minutes of play but was brought down from behind by Attilio Carbone. And from the resultant penalty Marjan Kovacic scored to give Croatia a narrow but deserved victory.

— Alex Vesic

Misses galore

**Man of
the Match:
KEN BODEN
(SC-Hakoah)**

**Syd Croatia 0
Bris Lions 0**

Venue: King Tomislav Park
Caution: Tomislav (C)
Referee: R. Lorenz

Apart from the fact that the game was a poor spectacle it regrettably was one of Croatia's worst performances in the NSL so far.

Lions, a very ordinary outfit, adopted an ultra defensive formation and gave away the initiative to the home team which, thanks largely to the ineptness of Croatia's attack, was sufficient to gain a point.

Croatia could hardly believe the space they were allowed and no-one could believe the chances they missed.

In the 23rd minute Boden beat defenders left and right, chipped a cross to Borges who headed wide for an empty goal from five metres.

The closest both sides came to scoring was John Ogden's snap shot in the 73rd minute for Lions and in the 85th minute keeper Farrow did well to tip away Meades' curling cross.

Best players on the park were Ron Boden and Alan Niven.

— Mike Mikolajczyk

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Στον πρώτο αγώνα του διεθνούς τουρνουά που έγινε στο Σίδνεϊ, η Εθνική Αυστραλίας πήρε Ισοπαλία έναντι των Γερμανών. Πάντως οι Αυστριακοί δεν ήταν δέκα περίμενοι οι διαγωνιστές και η άσχημη άρση από την πρώτη κιόλας μέρα.

ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑ Β' - ΓΕΛΛΑΡΙΑ ΠΑΙΝΙΔΕΣ 0-0

Ούτε η Β' Αυστραλίας κατάφερε να πάρει την νίκη από την Γελλάρια. Ηττημένης και περιορίστηκε κι αυτή σε λευκή ισοπαλία. Τό μάλιστα έγινε στο πολυσυζητημένο ΜΟΒ που νομίζουμε ότι οι Γελλάριοι πολύ παρκακολοθήσαν την συνέντευξη χαραώσαν και στο Ολυμπικ Πάρκ γιατί η προσέλευση τους ήταν κάθε άλλο παρά πρωταθλητική. Άγωνα άρκετες φάσεις μπροστά στις δύο εθνικές και με λίγη προσοχή οι Αυστριακοί θα μπορούσαν να είχαν βρει τα δίκτυα. Ήταν παράσταση έκτακτη από την Αυστραλία Β' σε τετατομένη κατάσταση που έκανε οργισμένους τους Αυστριακούς.

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Μπορούν και Ήγαν ήταν ακίνδυνοι στην επιθετική γραμμή και ο πρώτος δόκτορ να είχε άνωστατισθεί πολύ πιά μπροστά από τον πεντακλάδο και πιά δυνατό ΚΑΛ.

MAΣ BINE O TON HANDBALLER

Ο ένας από τους προπονητές της Β' Εθνικής Αυστραλίας Γιάννης Παπαγιάννης μας είπε μετά την συνέντευξη: "Ηττημένοι πολύ καλά και μπορούσαμε να έχουμε πάρει την νίκη. Οι παίκτες μας ξεκίνησαν με ενθουσιασμό έχοντας άπειρη τους την πεντακλάδο και δυνατή διακρίση παίκτης".

TA EPILOGA FYLAKI

Από την ΣΙΔΑ ήταν το άλλο αγώνισμα στο οποίο ήταν γραμμένες οι συνέσεις των δίδυμων Αυστραλίας Β' και Γελλαρίας. Ταί ηττήσαν.

Ανέμεσε σε όλα λοιπόν μας πληροφορούσε ότι το μέγεθος των... Ολυμπικ Πάρκ και όχι στο ΜΟΒ... Ακόμη και οι παίκτες λειτούργησαν πολύ άσχημα.

TO KALIMATI HEPH TO HANDBALL

Εξέπαιζε το δίκτυο πήρε το τοπικό ντέρμπι από το "Ανάλ και μέλιστα εκτός έδρας που έπρεπε να είναι περισσότερο. Ή μετέπειτα νικήτρια προηγήθηκε στο 2' με τον Χαννίντ και έκανε το 2-0 στο 35 με τον Τομάλιν.

Από το δίκτυο καλύτεροι ήταν οι Σαννίντ, Πατσόκος και ήττη Τσιτρίλιν.

ΕΠΙΛΟΓΗ ΤΩΝ ΠΑΙΧΤΩΝ ΧΙΛ

Νέσα στο λαγκουάρντ το Χίλφτον ΧΙΛ απέσπασε Ισοπαλία 1-1 από την τοπική και άρκεσε οληρή διάβα ή οποία προηγήθηκε στο 31' της συνέντευξης. Το Χίλφτον είχε πάλι την γκίνια που το κυνηγεί στους τελευταίους αγώνες και οι κυνηγοί του αν και τους παρουσιάζουν και κλασικές εκκρίσεις, είναι αδύνατο να βρούν τα δίκτυα των αντιπάλων. Ακό φέρει δ' Επαρτίση και μία δ' Ανδρί ήττη δεν πρόλαβε να σκοράρει ενώ σούτ του Χέντερσον στο 37' βοήθησε το δίκτυο να δοκιμάσει.

Στο 44' η Ελληνική ομάδα Ισοκρίσει με φάουλ του πολύ καλού Περνέτοπου.

Στο 5' μέρες οι εκκρίσεις ήλθαν για το Χίλφτον αλλά χάθηκαν και μαζί ένας βαθμός.

Ήταν οι Κόρκοι, Ηστρονίτης, Βλαχέ-κας (70' Μπερλίτσο), Ουόλφ, Καρλάκις, Λορέντζι, Πιπεργιόλι, Περνέτοπου, Κουρ-ερά, Επαρτίση (75' Γκίλντ) Ανδρίλιν.

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Η Αλφίνα, η κέρσηνα μέχρι τώρα πληρ-ωντική και ταχέως τους νέους; Απολύτως τίποτα. Και οι παίκτες που έρχονται και παρέρχονται ακολουθούν την ίδια πακτική της Χενομανίας, ενώ άνωσού

τά Ελληνόπουλα που παίζουν από αυτή είναι ταλέντα.

Και το κακό τελευταίο έχει παραγίνει και έσπασε στο γήπεδο έναν παλαιότατο μύθο δίδυμα και κυνηγούσαν γονιτιστοί ένα τέτοιο ξένο προσώπιο για να η πα-οισμένη και γελιοστούν τους περισσότερους άπ' ότι έστειλε έχουν γίνει.

Γονιτιστοί λοιπόν οι Χενομανείς των δ-οτών οι μέρες λησσοτέουν.

ΕΠΙΛΟΓΗ ΤΩΝ ΠΑΙΧΤΩΝ Η ΧΑΝΝΙΝΤ

Νέσα στο Μίλτον η Χαννίντ διέλυσε την τοπική ομάδα και την νίκησε με 3-0 ένα σκόρ που σε υποκρίνει να ήταν πολύ μεγα-λύτερο αν οι παίκτες της πρόσεχαν λίγο. Το σκόρ ένοιξε δ' Παρτίση στο 7' και το διπλασίασε δ' Α. Παρτίσης με φάουλ στο 22' για να κλείσει το 3-0 δ' Χαννίντ στο 75' του αγώνα που ήταν και στο 90' οδήγησε της Ελληνικής μας ομάδας.

Οι δελφικοί Παικτές ήταν πολύ καλοί, ε-νώ δ' Χάρης Βιλλίτης έδειξε την παρτίσα-ση με την αγωνιστικότητα του.

Ήταν οι Κόρκοι, Ηστρονίτης, Βλαχέ-κας, Α. Παρτίσης, Βιλλίτης, Βιλλίτης, Γκοντίσι, Κόρκοι (Α. Παρτίσης), Α. Παρτί-σης (75' Βαννίλ) Αποσταλτοπούλου.

Η Β' ομάδα πήρε Ισοπαλία 1-1 με γκολ του Κωστήδου.

ΩΚΛΗ ΣΙΤΥ ΠΑΡΑΣ

Αν και προηγήθηκε στο σκόρ 2-0 το Ωκ-λή Σίτυ Παράς του Μάικρον, στο 3' μέρες δέχτηκε δύο τέρματα και παρέρχεται Ισο-παλία 2-2.

Ήν Κυριακή για το Εσπέλλο του "Συτά-στρα" το Ωκλή Σίτυ παίζει με το Νόρ-κοτ Γιουνάιτεντ στο οποίο παίζουν πολ-λοί παλαίμαχοι του "Πράμα".

ΗΤΗΧΕΡΟ ΤΩΝ ΜΑΛΕΡΝ

Το Μάλερν Σίτυ αν και προηγήθηκε δύο φορές στο Χάμπατον, τελικά έχασε τον αγώνα και ήττα στο γήπεδο του.

Η ομάδα του Νίκου Πίκαγλου, πέσσε μπροστά στο σκόρ με τον "Ιωννίδη στο 5' αλλά το Χάμπατον Ισοκρίσει στο 11' για να κλείσει το 2-2 έσος Ισάκιο.

Ή έην έσος του Β' Ημικρόν το Μά-λερν με τον Εριαντούλιν έκανε το 2-1

YUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

ΠΡΑΒΑ ΙΓΡΑ ΝΑ ΚΡΙΒΟΜ ΜΕΣΤΟΥ

Σερία μεδjunadornit utakmice jeste poduhvat vreden najvise pohvale i paznje uz vrednu nedostajke administrativne prirode, koji su se mogli izbici da su poslusana struna i iskusna klia. Ovako ce finansijiski uspehi biti doveden u pitanje, pored pomsne zlog skora praznog Melbourne Cricket Grounda. Nerealnambicija dozivela je fijaske prvog dana, ne zbog onih koji nisu dosli na stadion tog dana, vec navede zbog pravi ljubitelja fudbala. Sa naporom su pratili tok utakmice zbog udaljenosti terena. Atmosfera bi svakako bila prijatnija na Olympic Parku, igrali su iz petenog odnosa, jer su pruzili izvanrednu igru, narocito posle odмора.

Od Glasgova Rangera smo ocekivali vise, ali nas je pri-tenjenje iznenadilo. U ovom cenzitacija Australije kolektivnोगम igrom. Ipak, gosti su bili blizli pobedi, koju im je uskratilo odlacan golman Franken, koji je bio nesavijad.

Kada je vec pocio ovaj iz-zaanredn pokusaj, ne smemo ga odgurnuti u interesu fudbala. Duznost je ljubitelja fudbala da preostale tri utakmice posmatraju u rekordnom broju. Treba sacuvati ugled, a igra ce biti garantovano na najvisem nivou. Govori se da je do sada raspodato preko 40.000 ulaznica za utakmice Australija v. Juventus, ali samo 10.000 u juna na Melbourne Cricket Groundu, ali se ne smeju zanemariti ni ostale dve. Sledecu utakmicu igraju Manchester United v. Nottingham Forest u nedelju 3. juna.

OPRAVDANA PRETINJA

Uoci pocetka serije medjunadornit utakmica klubov Nacionalne lige su zatrazili od organizatora da ne zaboravi njihove interese, koji idu u ras-kovinu sa obezbezenjem. Ako jedan klub dvije igrace za re-pretaciju, koja se ne takmici

za Olimpijski ili svetsko prvenstvo, mora dobiti osetu, odnosno dno profita. Organ-izatori su se bahato pomeli i zapretili da ce igrati bez re-pretacije Australije, sto bi bilo ravno katastrofi. Na sreco, pobede je razum na vreme. Inace bi MCG stadion zaitio zaigrao prazan.

Zbog raznih eksperimenata, koji su im nametnuti, klubovi Nacionalne lige nalaze se u nezavidnom materijalnom polo-zaju, koji se sve vise po-gorava. Zbog toga su primu-đeni da zauzmu odlucan stav i primoraju pokrovitelje da ispunie obećanja. Jedan od finansiskih promasaja je i Nacionalni kup.

NEOCEKIVAN USPESH JUSTA

Prva dva kola Nacionalnog kupa odigrana su pred sakom gledalaca, jer su odigrana u nezgodno vreme. Kak je jed- novremeno i predstavlja pre- nosila utakmice Medjunadornie serije dok su klubovi Nacio- nalne lige igrali za kup.

Svi su klubovi igrali os-lobodjeni, jer su dali igrace za dve australijske reprezen- tacije. Ipak najvise je bio os-lobajen JUST, iako nije dno ni jednog igrace za drzavni dres, ali je imao osam povredjenih i jednog bolesnog pred- usta- micu sa Juventusom, dok je protiv George Crossa trener Ceda Cirkovic imao par igrace vise, koji nisu sasvim zalecili rane.

Jedino su Melbourne Coratia i George Cross mogli da nas- tupte kompletni, sto su ucinili. Croatiiji je to pomoglo da dobije dve prve utakmice, dok je George Cross poslednji sa jednim u svojoj grupi.

Najvise iznenadenje je napravio desetakog sastav JUSTA, koji je pobedio Juven- tus sa 1:0. I George Crossa sa 2:1. "Plavci" su igrali podre- jenu ulogu na dve utakmice, ali se nisu predavali sto je uro- dilo plodom. Cak su mogli da pobeđu sa vecim rezultatom da su bili malo pribiranji i precizniji. Protiv George Crossa Pavle Simic mogao je da se upise u strelce dva puta, Vlatko Belic i Jim Bekiaris po jednaputu. To su bile ciste sansne. Imao ih je i George Cross tri puta vise, ali JUST je imao sigurnog i iskusnog

curvuru u Bolandu, koji je i ovog puta bio heroj utakmice. Imao pobeđu je bila Pirova pobeđa, jer se bolesnica lista nosila sa dva nova povred- jena igrace. Pobredjen je no- valjija iz Jugoslavije Dragan Lamanovic u prvom poluv- remenu, a pred kraj igre dob- je udarac u koleno i veteran Jim Tansey.

Trener Ceda Cirkovic se nada da ce pored svih nevolja JUST osvojiti prvo mesto u svojoj grupi. U subotu 2. juna igraju protiv South Melbourne Hellasa na Middle Parku. Dovoljan im je jedan bod, cak i poraz se jednim galom razlike da zadre prvo mesto. Ne treba zaboraviti da podmladjen sastav Helasa igra sa velikim poletom i mnogo znanja, zbog cega ga ne treba potceniti.

Igramo da pobeđimo, krazie trener Cirkovic, sto znaci da racuna na visok plas- man u Nacionalnom kupu.

MAKEDONJIA POTENILNA ZNACAJ KUPA

U drugoj grupi prvake ce od- luciti susret Aleksandar v. Croatia na Olympic Village u subotu 2. juna. Oba kluba imaju po 4 boda, ali neresen rezultat pomogao bi Alek- sandru da zadre prvo mesto, jer ima bolji gol razliku. U Makedoniji Green Gully su prokockali poslednji sansu da se bore za drugo mesto, tako da je njihov susret u subotu 2. juna samo formalnost. Green Gully je mogao u pokleno- ni utakmici da Pokvari racune Croatiiji, dok je Makedonija juvise jeftino prodala kozu ljubim rivalu Aleksandru. Na- vodno, Makedonija je igrala mnogo bolje u polju, ali imala je lovu navalu, koja se tak- micia u promastivanju.

JUNIORI DAJU PRIMER

U borbi za prvo mesto ispod 16 godina Juniori North Geelong Croatia u JUST igrali su nereseno 3:3 (3:3) u Geelongu. Igra je obilovala lepm akcija- ma, jos lepim golovima i zdravom sportskom atmos- ferom, koja je dala podrstek juniorima da igraju i pokleno- ni utakmici za stihala i mana. Ali ikakve atmosfere nema na utakmicama starijih timova iz

dobro poznatih razloga, koji je materijalno donese stetu JUST-u, a moralno pogadjaju Croatia. Najvise gubitak po- nosi nogometa, ciji je ugled inace na klimavim nogama u australijskoj javnosti.

ALTONA GATE OPET NERE- SENO

Moreland-Altona Gate/ Viorb Altoni protiv Nunawading Citya. Vardar je povero u 25. minutu preko Mend Ristovskog, kome je ovo prvi gol u ovoj sezoni. Dugo nije igrao, ali se polako vracia u formu. Njegov gol je bio dovoljan za oba boda da golman Chris Dimitrijević nije savladan sa centra u drugom poluvremenu.

Sastav Altona Gate: Chris Dimitrijević, Steve Dimir- ski, John Derivisevski, Jonec Serovski, Chris Tundjevski, Ljube Talevski, Boris Gelevski (Petar Kuzmanovski), Vlado Kotevski, Fred Beller, Zlatko Veljanovski, Mendo Ristovski.

Vardar je posle il kola na sestom mestu prve divizije sa il bodova.

U subotu 2. juna Altona Gate igra na svom igralistu protiv viorb Altoni protiv Nunawading Citya.

PRVA POBEDA RING- WOOD/SRBJE

Sa novim trenerom Ken Kontrom Ringwood/Srbija je dobila prvu utakmicu na igralistu u ovoj sezoni. Slucaj je hteo da se par dana Mirko Rujevic zavalni na nezahval- noj duznosti, iako je resio da nastavi igracu karijeru. Dakle, nista se nije moglo promeniti za dva dana, ali za sujevrne je vazno da su osvo- jene dva boda. Protivnik istina nije nio nika sila, ali pobeđa je dobro dosla da se povraiti samopouzdanje i uve- lica jubilej golmana Jima Milasavlevica, koji je toga dana odigrao 200. utakmicu za Ringwood/Srbiju.

Posto je Ringwood/Srbija pobedila Dandenong City sa 2:0 (1:0), jubilej je speceno proslavljeno do ponoci. Iste- vreme je par prasadi, od kojih je jedno veteran Jov Milinov dobio na luturiji il pokleno- ni utakmici za stihala i mana. Ali jedno je za svoje drustvo), Dragan Jimmy Koreja je

dobio trofej od svog sadasnog kluba, ali ga nisu zabavali ni JUST-ovi. I njihovu ime Peja Vukadinovic je doneo veliki pehar u znak secanja na 15 godina provedenih u JUST-u.

Ovaj redak jubilej cestitao mu je iz Sidneja Milan Micko Mihailovic, bivsi kolega iz JUST-a, sadasnji trener "Beograda", novosnovanog kluba u Cabramati. Trener Mirko Rujevic dobio je flasu sampanjca.

Sastav Ringwood/Srbije: Jimmy Milasavlevic, Miladin Bjelogrić, Rudi Drossler, Alex Nelson, Peter Vaughan, Demir Orhan, Stanko Sinakov (Ljubisa Bosancic od 80. minu- ta), Pavle Jetrovic, Ljubisa Stojanovic, James Cox, Wil- liam Ross.

Oba gola postigao je iskusni veteran Ljuba Stojanovic, prvi golman u ovoj sezoni.

Rezerva je izgubila sa 1:3 (1:1). Strelac Ljubisa Bosan- cic.

U subotu 2. juna Ring- wood/Srbija je gost Caulfield Citya.

CETVRTA DIVIZIJA

Springvale Utd-Holland Park 1:1. Izgubljen je vazan bod, jer je olako završena utakmica, ali navede nije upola ubojita kada igra bez Milana Stojitovica. Na zalost, nemamo vise podataka o ovoj utakmici, osim da "Plavci" iz Springvalea imaju sada tri boda manje od Yarravilla, koji je srebro i nezastuženo pobeđu Lator/SLOGU sa 1:0 (0:0).

Pre nego sto je Yarraville postigao jedini gol u 70. minu- tu, jedan njihov igrač po- lazio se rukom, sto sudija nije hteo da vidi. Inace, Sloga je bila bolji tim u svakom pogle- du, ali nije imala sreću pred golom Yarravilla. Tri puta su imali igrace Sloga pogodili stativu.

Sastav Lator/Sloga: Tome Packovski, Nik Morohovitis, Peter Stojanovski (Petar Karanduz), Jimo Slavcanski, Riste Nivcanski, George Jo- seovski, Viktor Kourinis, Bil Popovski (Bil Petovski), Tom Tasevski, Kire Veljanovski, Boge Kraleviski.

Rezerva je izgubila Sloga prezagila je Yarraville sa 4:0 (0:0). Strelci: Ljube Kotevski, Zdravko Beran, Toni Georgi-

jevski i Oliver Karanfilovski.

U subotu 2. juna "Plavci" iz Springvalea imaju jednu tesku utakmicu protiv East Brunswicka u gostima, dok je Lator/Sloga domacin Keysboroughu.

CARLTON/MILADOST IZME- NILA IZGLE VJHA TABELE

Carlton/Miladost-Balla- rat 1:0 (1:0). I sa ove vazne utakmice nemamo potpuno iz- vestaj, osim da je pobedomog gol postigao kapiten Mirko Beku u 20. minutu posle us- pesno izvedenog kornera.

Gosti su smaknuli sa prvog mesta, gde je izbio Boronia sa 19 bodova, dok je Hawksburn treći, a Miladost cetvrti (oba imaju po 15 bodova).

U subotu 2. juna Carlton/ Miladost je gost Clarinde.

Central City's, zvezda Chelsea 1:1 (0:1). Zvezda je igrala i stvarala sansa, ali gosti (koji nose ime Hajduka) postigli su oba gola, od toga jedan u suprotnom smeru. Iako daleko najbolji igrač na terenu Emil Petrov tri puta je pro- masio skoro prazna vrata.

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Rezerva Hawksburna pobe- dila je sa 4:1.

U subotu 2. juna Hawksburn docekuje West Brunswick u Rowvillu.

PROBUJENA VOJVODINA

Altona Utd/VOJVODINA-Berwick City 5:0 (1:0). Tek od 46. minuta propaganda je posle dugog zastaja naviala masina Vojvodine. Čeh je platio golman Berwick Citya, koji je jos srecno prosao. Strelci: Slobodan Dimitrijević 3, Zivko Bojanovski i autogol, koji je bio gol utakmice.

Sastav Vojvodine: Pavle Oravec, George Korozit, Tome Dimovski, Veljko Dupor, Jovan Canokovic, Steve Vong, Alex Micevski, Zoran Deriv- sevski, Paul Gallo, Slobodan Dimitrijević, Zivko Jova- novski.

Najbolji igrač Veljko Dupor, Jovan Canokovic i Paul Gallo.

Rezerva je izgubila sa 0:4 (0:4) od daleko fizicki jaceg protivnika, koji je sve golove postigao u prvih 15 minuta.

Najbolji igrač: Miso Oravec, John Sklenar i Miso Cincurac.

U subotu 2. juna Vojvodina je slobodna, dok je Pascoe Val- ie/PELISTER, koji je bio slobodan proslu subotu igra protiv Cranbourne O'Toole's Rd. Reserve.

HAMPTON/BEograd SVE BLIZE CILJU

Mitcham-Hampton/ BEograd 1:3 (1:3). Strelci: Izi Omerogulari, Ajden Bol i Savas Colakoglu. "Beograd" je zadran prvo mesto sa 15 bodova, koliko ima i North Sunshine. Medjutim, "Beo- grad" je odigrao utakmicu manje i ima odlicno izgleda da završi prvenstvo na celu trece provincialne divizije.

Sastav Beograda: Sava Jan- kovic, Borzid, Molbasavilic, Zigi Karademir, Dragoljub Janokovic, Nedjeljo Rajic, Alex Cabrera, Savas Colakoglu, Ajden Bol, Drago Buic, Izi Omerogulari, Marti Colakoglu. Najbolji igrač Ajden Bol, Dragoljub Janokovic i Nedjeljo Rajic.

Rezerva, sastavljena od "klinača" ispod 16 godina iz- gubila je sa 0:7 (0:3).

U subotu 2. juna Hampton docekuje u Kensingtonu Brunswick City.

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